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Times Wide World

SCHOOL ATHLETES COMPETING IN TRIALS AT WINGATE FIELD

Field during the second heat of the 440-yard run, which was won by Al McDowell, second from left

Sports of the Times

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By JOHN KIERAN

All Around the Mulberry Bush

THE problem at the moment is to guess which way to look. Tony Galento has gone into what he calls training for his bout with Shufflin' Joe Louis. The gallant and globular Galento is down at Asbury Park where he can listen to what the wild waves are saying.

However, listening isn't in the Galento line. He prefers to talk. One chap came back from the Galento camp and reported that Tony was preparing himself for a long fight. There must be some mistake.

Madcap Max Baer and Lou Nova are tapering off in training and just about ready for the real thing at the Yankee Stadium on Thursday evening, weather permitting. This observer wouldn't hazard a guess on the outcome of that bout for the simple reason that Madcap Max will be one of the parties of the principal part and Max never knows himself what he is going to do. That leaves innocent bystanders at a complete loss.

The Big Noise

Out at Indianapolis the drivers will be roaring around in the 500-mile auto race or the greatest racket of the day for sound effects. They will tool along at well over 100 miles per hour, making Glenn Cunningham's 4:04.4 for the mile on the Dartmouth track look like something less than the dust beneath their chariot wheels. Yet it was considered quite a burst of speed by those who watched Galloping Glenn take the curves.

It's all relative, this speed business. A midget on horseback thinks he's flying if he has a horse under him turning a mile in 1:37 or so. Mile-a-minute Murphy was a whizz on a wheel. Out at Indianapolis Lou Meyer clamped his foot down on the accelerator and pushed his chariot around the course at the rate of 130 and a fraction miles per hour. Up in the air the commercial pilots are cruising at 180 miles per hour, and the Army pursuit planes can buzz past that like the midnight freight tearing through a tank town. Then the astronomers sit around and laugh when such rates of speed are mentioned. The rates of speed they deal in are so high that they had to invent their own system of mathematical shorthand to set them down on a wide sheet of paper.

Even so, those fellows at Indianapolis will get and give a sensation of speed as they whir around the speedway in pursuit of the $20,00(prize for the first car home. Here's hoping tha they all get home safely. Sometimes they miss

On the Diamond

There will be golf and tennis and other sports in all directions. And what a day for baseball. This is always the first big volley of the season. By this time each year the "morning-glories" and "Spring beauties" are beginning to fade. The clubs are leveling off. Now the heavy firing starts and all hands are ready for it.

This observer encountered Onkel Franz Frisch recently and queried him about the rise of the Cardinals this season. It seemed to be much the same array of players that Onkel Franz abandoned last season, but the club was playing a much better brand of baseball.

"Well, they've got another manager, which might be the answer," said Onkel Franz modestly, "but there are other differences in the club too. Enos Slaughter is a much better player this year. Then they've got two good young pitchers in Cooper and Bowman. Just add two good pitchers to any club and see what a difference it makes. But the biggest difference of all, I think, is that Pepper Martin—old John!—has been playing a whale of a game. If John can stay in there you birds will find that those Cards aren't fooling. They're really going after that pennant."

For a fellow who had walked away from them in a discouraged mood, Onkel Franz seemed very enthusiastic about the club and quite elated over its success.

"Why not?" said Onkel Franz. "They're a great bunch of boys. They treated me swell out there. I have to root for them."

The Great American Game

Marse Joe McCarthy, whose Yankees have been doing better than so-so this season, was telling the other day of an incident that gave him a great laugh.

"We were playing Washington," said Marse Joe, "and in the eighth inning we got their pitcher outta there. They were ahead by a run, but we had the bases filled with two out—the winning run on second base, in other words. So they bring in this Alexander or Carrasquel or whatever they call him, this Spanish fandango from Cuba or Venezuela or somewhere down yonder. Sometimes they gave his name as Alexander and sometimes as Carrasquel—they didn't know which was his first name and which was his last name and he couldn't set 'em right because he doesn't speak a word of English.

"Anyway, Joe Gordon was up and this Spanish-speaking guy comes in from the bull pen to stop us. Well, Bucky Harris wants to give him some instructions, so he calls Estalello, his Cuban infielder, and he tells him in English what he wants Carrasquel to throw to Gordon. Then Estalello goes out to the box and tells it to Carrasquel in Spanish.

"I don't know what he told him. Carrasquel nodded and got Gordon on a ground ball and that beat us out of the ball game. But, to me, it was the funniest thing that ever occurred in big-league baseball. Our great American game—and they had to have an interpreter to tell the pitcher what to do! Ha!"

The Smith Group

The mix-up about Carrasquel's name recalled that Connie Mack, at one time this season, had three Smiths on his club. Now he's down to one. He let Edgar Smith, the left-handed pitcher, go to the White Sox by the waiver route, and sent Dave Smith, a right-handed pitcher, to Dallas. The remaining Smith, whose first name nobody seemed to remember, comes from Columbus, Ga., and is something of a volunteer outfielder. He isn't signed to a contract. He walked in, said he'd like to play with the Athletics, and nobody chased him away.

Connie Mack is like that. He hates to chase away any young fellow who really likes to play ball. Mr. James Isaminger, the rotund book collector who goes about with the Athletics and records their misdeeds, recalled that some years ago Connie had a catcher named Conroy and sent him to Williamsport. In a few weeks Conroy was back again with a tale that he didn't like the fellows on the Williamsport club; he much preferred the camaraderie of the Athletics. This pleased Connie so much that he kept Conroy for the whole season.

PHILLY PILOT DISPLAYS 'FOLLOW THROUGH'

Courier 6-3-39 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Boojum Wilson, hard-hitting playing manager of the Philadelphia Stars, gives an insight to his tremendous batting power. In his photo, taken when the Stars battled the Black Yanks in Philly last week-end, Wilson has just connected. Notice the perfect follow-through and body balance. He watches the ball as it sails over the right field fence for a home run.—Photo by Lawson.

HO HUM! IT'S WOODRUFF BY A LENGTH

Courier 6-3-39 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Johnny Woodruff, the peer of all middle distance runners and the star of the University of Pittsburgh track team, breezing in with room to spare in the 440 at the I.C. 4-A meet in New York Saturday.

SPORTS-1939

Noted Former Tuskegee Athletes Are Present at the Southern Conference Basketball Tournament—Logan Hal

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. March 16 — Among the former Tuskegee athletes present for the tournament were:

Albert Brown, who was a member of the football and track teams. He is now engaged as director of vocational agriculture and coach at the Vocational Agricultural School, Vidalia, Georgia.

Cora Lee McClinick, former member of the basketball and track teams and who was also a drum mistress in the Tuskegee Band. Miss McClinick is connected with the school system at Dawson, Georgia.

Ruth White, basketball, tennis and track standout. Miss White is in charge of physical education at the Fort Valley Normal School Fort Valley, Georgia.

Bettye B. Steele, who established an excellent record as a basketball player, is now acting itinerant teacher trainer of vocational home making education for the State of Alabama.

Herschel Seets, who played in the backfield on the Golden Tigers football team, is the vocational agricultural teacher at the Coffee County Training School, Enterprise, Alabama.

Arthur McClung, who played on the football team, is teaching and coaching in one of the large schools of the Birmingham school system.

Florence N. Wright, who was a star on the basketball court and on the track, is serving as recreational supervisor for the States of Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida, for the Farm Security Adminstration.

Isabell Campfield, who, during her undergraduate days, was a ranking tennis player and manager of the women's varsity basketball team, is employed as director of home economics at the Carver High School, Gadsden, Alabama.

Coleman D. Camp, valued member of the football team, is Project Manager of Prairie Farms, Tysonville, Alabama.

Robert Camp, former football player is teacher of vocational agriculture at the Gillespie High School, Gillespie, Georgia.

Theresa Adams who won fame on the basketball and track team, is a Home Demonstration agent in the State of Georgia.

Lauretta Austin, who was a member of the women's varsity basketball team, is a Home Demonstration Agent, at Roanoke, Alabama.

Ruby P. Austin, also a member of the women's varsity basketball team. is a Home Demonstration Agent at Greenville, Alabama.

VASHON WINS ST. LOUIS BASKET TITLE

ST. LOUIS, March 16—(ANP)—Vashon High school won the basketball championship of St. Louis Wednesday night when it defeated Sumner High at the Pine Street Y. M. C. A. by a score of 33 to 17.

KEGEE WOMAN STAR RECEIVES GOLD AWARD

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., March 16—An interesting feature of the Saturday night sessions of the Southern Conference basketball tournament, was the presentation of a gold basketball, appropriately inscribed, to Miss Lula Hymes, who is a member of the Tuskegee Institute women's varsity basketball team. She was named the most outstanding member of the team for the current season. The gold basketball was given by the Upsilon Chapter of the National Sorority, Phi Delta Kappa. The presentation was made by Captain Alvin J. Neely, chairman of the committee on the regulations of athletics at Tuskegee, and Miss Hymes acknowledged the honor with a gracious speech of acceptance.

Members of the Tuskegee Institute Chapter:

Mrs. Marge R. Craven, Basileus.

Mrs. Cleo S. Morse, Anti Basileus.

Miss Dorothy Whittaker, Grameteus.

Mrs. Emma Lou Roberts, Epistoleus.

Mrs. Mayme R. Welch, Tamias.

Mrs. M. K. Frazier, Dean of Pledges.

Mrs. Clara M. Hicks, Tamiochous.

Mrs. Kate H. Darnaby, Journalist.

Mrs. Laura Crayton Buck, Mrs. Letitia E. Carter, Mrs. Beulah C. Johnson, Mrs. Estelle Jones, Mrs. Nellie Reed and Miss Bernice Williams.

MRS. WASHINGTON ATTENDS

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. March 16—Mrs. J. S. Washington, the widow of Mr. J. B. Washington former postmaster at Tuskegee institute, known and beloved as "The Father of Intercollegiate Athletics at Tuskegee," attended the Friday evening game as guest of the Tournament. Mrs. Washington was presented to the more than 2,000 persons present for the evening performance and received a tremendous ovation.

By Ric ROBERTS

White Dixie Lads Achieve Greatness, But Not As Boxers

THE recent bursting of the Ben Brown bubble at Miami by Sally Kreiger and the seventh annual flop of all Dixie white lads in the finals of the National Golden Gloves Tournament at New York, brings us face to face with an alarming fact.

The southern white man cannot fight . . . with his hands.

Give him a few implements . . . a bat, a golf club and mates to help him . . . and he's invincible. This way you get a Ty Cobb, a Bobby Jones, a Tris Speaker, a Joe Jackson, a Bitsy Grant . . . all Southern born.

Put him on a team with his fellows all striving for a common goal; put him to work with plenty implements with which to move and he becomes the greatest athlete on earth. The only sport in which a Southern white man is "no go" happens to be boxing.

This singular record of fistic impotency among white men of the south is alarming. Yet, history will tell you that not once in this stirring, restless, dramatic century has the white south produced a decent boxer.

Not one ode may be written to a single Dixie lad of the blue eyes and flaxen hair who could step out among the masters in the ring.

Call Back The Years

The world has yet to see a "knock-em-dead-drag-em-out" native of the deep south. They simply don't grow. A few, like William Stribling, became beautiful fencers...able to step around and clinch and slip punches, but none ever reached the top. None ever developed the punch soporific.

Stribling flickered brilliantly at the threshold of the throne room back in 1931, but only for a few fleeting moments. Schmeling destroyed him with less than 15 seconds of the fight left.

In view of the intense prid. determination and manly idealism of the average Dixie white lad, this is a wounding blight. No man is quicker to challenge you to a fight....to "put up your dukes" than our Dixie fellowmen on the more fortunate side.

No man is more intensely interested in display of two-fisted, red-blooded Americanism than he. Yet, strange to say, this sort of fighting is not his best game. This is the only way he cannot fight well, for at all others he ranks among the world's best. Give him an implement in his hands or mates to row with and he's invincible.

Colored Lads Supreme

The startling but truthful indictment that no modern (or ancient as far as I can find) white Southerner has ever withstood the acid test in a ring, seems all the more startling when we look at the Dixie darkskin male.

The greatest fighters on earth come up from Dixie's humble colored folk. If you don't believe I'm right then produce greater ring masters than Joe Louis, Jack Johnson, Harry Wills, Henry Armstrong or Tiger Flowers.

Everyone of them was born in Dixie. It seems ironical that nature should allow the white man of Dixie but a diminution of fistic gifts on the one hand, and endow his darker fellowman with these gifts delivered at the peak of pugnacious potentiality.

Colored lads dominate nearly every Golden Gloves tournament. If our dark kids from down here in Dixie (cradle of boxing timber) were given a chance in these eliminations the very soul of boxing would be endangered. With no white champions left, there would be a decline in the fabulous purses that the sport now commands.

Dixie has given us, as I said before, a Ty Cobb, Speaker, Alexander, Bobby Jones, Bitsy Grant, Charlie Yates, Dixie Howell, Dizzy Dean and a Joe Jackson on the white side, but her fair skinned boxers have been much too close to mediocrity. Strange, indeed!

Tuskegee's Crack Athletes Make Good In Vocations

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala —Among the former Tuskegee athletes, who made history at the Institute, and returned to witness the sixth annual Southern Conference tournament were: 4-1-39

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T. Thomas Petty has joined the faculty of the Anderson High school, Austin, Texas, as director of physical education and coach.

Stars To Clash In Annual Tuskegee Relays Sat.

Courier 5-13-39

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., May 11.—Tuskegee relay records are expected to fall when the brilliant array of track talent comes to the institute for the thirteenth annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival which will be held in the Alumni Bowl Saturday, May 13, beginning at 1 o'clock.

Heading the list of special events will be the great race between Hicks of Xavier university; Holmes of Florida A. and M. college, and Ellerbe of Tuskegee.

Ellerbe, the world's fastest human today, is the 1938 Drake Relays champion; the N.C.A.A. champion, and the 1939 Kansas and Penn Relays champion, will have to equal his record of 9.5 set last year at Tuskegee and equalled at Kansas this year to turn back Hicks and Holmes as well as the rest of the field of 42 of the best sprinters in the nation who have been entered in the Clarence Matthews Memorial one hundred classic.

Winston-Salem [illegible], Sentinel
May 7, 1939

Carver Finals Slated May 12

E. E. Hill, principal of Carver High School, announced last week that the commencement exercises of the school will be held on May 12, at 2 p.m. Hill said an attempt to secure George W. Carver, head of the department of chemistry at Tuskeegee Institute, for whom the school was named, has failed. Hill said the aged scientist declined due to ill health.

It was disclosed that Professor G. L. Johnson, psychology instructor at Winston-Salem Teachers College, will deliver the principal address.

Hill said 15 teachers instruct grades from one through eleven at the Carver school. He said because reports on final tests given by county school authorities to students of the elementary department had not been learned, the exact number of graduates from that department could not be disclosed. However, Hill said, reports on students of the high school department had already been received and that 18 graduates will march in the commencement parade robed in caps and gowns. He intimated that white and blue clothing will be worn by elementary boys and girls at graduation exercises.

Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser
May 14, 1939

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Sprint Star Hurt Winning Dash In 9.6

Trophy Lost Through Failure Of Relay Team

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., May 13.—Mozql Ellerbe, Penn relays and Kansas State century champ this year and 1938 Drake relays and national collegiate titleholder in the 100-yard dash, was forced by Norman Holmes of Florida A. and M. College, to the vert hilt, but came through like a true champion here this afternoon to win the classic event in 9.6 seconds in the thirteenth annual Tuskegee relays.

Ellerbe's victory was costly to Tuskegee, however, as he pulled a muscle in his leg and will be inactice as a result for the next six weeks. His injury disrupted the crack mile relay team which placed third in the Class B section at the Penn relays and no doubt, cost Tuskegee the coveted 30-inch Sun Ray trophy awarded this year for the first time by the Atlanta Constitution.

Although 10 outstanding Dixie colleges entered the meet, Tuskegee was the only one to win more than two events. Tuskegee captured the 100 the broad jump with Ernest Simms leaping 22 feet, 1 1-2 inches; the shot put with Floyd Green of football fame, tossing the 16-pound ball 43 feet, 8 inches, and tied for first place in three-way fashion with Robert Canson matching the 11 feet, 6 inches high jump by Sylvester Ealey of Tillotson and John D. Lewis of Morehouse.

SPORTS- 1939

WOODRUFF IS STAR

He Anchors Pitt in 880 and Mile Victories—Both Set Records

N. Y. U. CAPTURES 2-MILE

North Texas and Virginia Win —30,000 See Seven Meet Standards Shattered

At the Forty-fifth Annual Penn Relays Yesterday

Times Wide World

Woodruff, Pitt, beating Nevius, Cornell, and Bogrow, N. Y. U., in half-mile relay in record time of 1:25.9

By ARTHUR J. DALEY
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—The space-eating stride of Ol' John Woodruff devoured stretches of Franklin Field cinders at a prodigious rate before 30,000 awed spectators today, and Pittsburgh made Penn Relay history.

With the Olympic 800-meter champion ripping off a sizzling 220-yard leg, the Panthers won the 880-yard sprint championship and smashed the carnival record. Then, just as the sun broke through a barrier of clouds at the very end of the program, Ol' John nonchalantly strode through an 0:47.4 quarter to give Pitt the classic mile crown in the magnificent time of 3:14.8.

This was the forty-fifth Penn Relay extravaganza and in almost half a century here no college team ever has run a mile as fast as the Pittsburghers did today. Furthermore, they not only established new marks in both of their triumphs today but they shattered all precedent by winning four of the eight major championships in the two-day meet, a position of dominance never attained before in this ancient show.

Three Schoolboy Records

Yet for all of their brilliance the Panthers could not quite steal all the spotlight—although they came close to it—because the record harvest was a bumper crop. Seven marks fell today and one was equaled—two being credited to Pitt, three to schoolboys, two to colleges in minor races and one to an individual.

Still, the one indelible picture that the spectators took away with them was of the lean 6-foot 4-inch Negro with the nine-and-a-half-foot stride gliding over the black cinders with such grace that he scarcely seemed to be trying.

Woodruff really gave the fans a thrill on his anchor leg of the mile relay. He was touched off fifteen yards ahead of Warren Breidenbach of Michigan, which is akin to donating a dollar to the Federal Treasury. In spite of that the Wolverine climbed up Ol' John's back in the far straightaway and for a moment it looked like a race.

The Mid-Westerner cut the fifteen yards to five. Then the self-styled Ol' John stopped fooling. Like a cat with a mouse he let Breidenbach stay there until the homestretch was reached before putting on the pressure. There was no stress and no strain, just a terrific speeding up.

N. Y. U. Team Is Third

The Wolverine was anchored to the track as Woodruff regained his full fifteen-yard lead at the wire. Michigan, naturally enough, was second in 3:16.4 and N. Y. U., chiefly through a fine anchor leg by Jim Herbett, third, with Princeton and Fordham well behind.

Pitt's 3:14.8 erased from the books the 3:15.4 that Penn's wonder four of Horace Steel, Jake Edwards, Jimmy Healey and Bill Carr posted seven years ago. And the man who was almost equally responsible with Woodruff for the damage was Frank Ohl, the Panther workhorse.

Ohl ran on all four of the Pitt winning quartets. Woodruff was on three, as were Al Ferrara and Larry Tregoning. Art Thomas was on two and Clyde Graf on one. The order for the mile today was Ohl, 0:49; Ferrara, 0:49; Graf, 0:49.4, and Woodruff, 0:47.4.

It was Ohl as the lead-off man who broke up the race. He got away on top of the field of eight as N. Y. U. and Fordham, two chief contenders, were buffeted in the scramble. He gave Ferrara a 12-yard advantage over Michigan and there it stayed until Ol' John received fifteen. That was at least fifteen yards more than he needed.

Cornell Cracks Record

The Pitt miracle workers started their operations in the morning when the 880-yard preliminaries and final were held. The first heat saw the Cornellians serve warning on the Panthers that they were dangerous by shattering the carnival record of 1:26.6 with a 1:26.5 performance.

The Pitt boys breezed through a 1:27.1 heat and then really fired away in the big test. Ohl, Ferrara, Tregoning and Woodruff rode out in front all the way.

Ol' John, a half-miler who does about everything except collect tickets at the gate, ripped off a dazzling 220-yard leg. He started two yards ahead of his pursuers and finished four yards in front as the Panthers were clocked in 1:25.9 for a new meet record. Some day some one is going to make the giant Negro hustle, but no one has done it on cinders so far.

Cornell was second and New York University third, with Villanova bringing up the rear. John Nevius of the Ithacans came whirling up from third place to wrest runner-up honors away from Harold Bogrow of New York.

The Rideout twins, one hale and hearty and the other limping as the result of a spike wound yesterday that required three stitches, broke the four-mile relay race into neat little pieces to win in 17:25.9, the second fastest time in the history of the meet. It had been feared for a while that North Texas State would be forced to default but Wayne staggered through a 4:16.2 mile leg to settle the issue early.

Manhattan Is Second

He handled the second leg, took off twenty-five yards behind and passed the stick forty yards in front. By the time Blaine stepped up to the line the only doubt left was the margin of Victory. Twin No. 2 unreeled a 4:13.5 effort to make it 120 yards over Manhattan with the Jaspers a similar margin over fading Michigan.

The first and third legs were run by Harvey Bryant and Jack Sahling, each of whom did 4:28.6.

When Wayne broke up the test Sahling held fast to most of his advantage to simplify things for Blaine, who didn't need too much help anyway.

The Manhattan quartet of Joe Moclair, Bob Conkling, Bob Hoolahan and Andy Neidnig stayed up all the way and did well in handling highly regarded Michigan so bad a beating. Moclair had the fastest leg with 4:25.

Up to this point in the proceedings every major championship had been won by either Pitt or North Texas. That monopoly finally was broken in the two-mile title test, although a contributing factor that deserves to be mentioned is that neither Pitt nor North Texas competed, the Panthers holding out for the mile so that there would be no chance of a slip.

Thanks to a magnificent home-stretch sprint by Curtis Giddings, New York University took the two miles in the excellent time of 7:45, second fastest in the annals of the carnival. Driving desperately with all he had in the final fifty yards, Giddings beat back the bid of Mel Trutt of Indiana to triumph by the

scant margin of two feet.

A Well-Balanced Team

Emil von Elling's youngsters won because they had marvelous balance. Myron Bresnick did 1:57.1, Dave Urbach 1:57.2, Jim Herbert 1:56 and Giddings 1:54.7. Rarely does one find a team with such even performances.

Because of them, the New York team was in the lead at every touch although the last one was cut so fine that Trutt beat Giddings to the pole in the first few yards. Then it was a brisk battle all the way, with Tom Jester of Michigan right up with them until the final brush. He faded although he held fast to third place. Yale was fourth. Fordham, one of the favorites, merely used the race for a workout when Joe Fay failed to get up among the contenders on the first leg.

Just as every one expected, Virginia took the 480-yard shuttle hurdles relay for the second straight year because it had the best timber-topper in the meet in Frank Fuller. The Dixie combination trailed both Penn and Cornell right to the final touch.

The two Ivy League teams broke away from the barrier first, but Bill McCawley of the Quakers stumbled over the third stick and Fuller streaked to an easy victory over Eric Schwartz of Cornell by five yards. The time was 1:01.5; good but not gaudy.

Seton Hall Cubs Win

The freshman mile relay race was broken into two sections and the places allotted on a time basis. Seton Hall's combination of Larry Wolczuk, Chet Macieski, Jack Graham and Charlie Lipski took the first heat from Georgetown and Penn State in 3:24.2. The second went to N. Y. U., with Fordham and Georgetown following. The final order became Seton Hall, N. Y. U. and Fordham.

Feature of the individual events was the fleet 100 yards by Mozel Ellerbee of Tuskegee, the national collegiate champion, who streaked over the cinders to a smashing three-yard victory over Kenny Clapp of Brown in the gorgeous time of 0:09.6 to equal the carnival record.

Best of the field event performances was a hammer throw by John McLaughry, Brown football captain and son of the Bruin gridiron coach. The big fullback tossed the weight 169 feet 5 3-16 inches.

Nick Vukmanic of Penn State repeated in the javelin throw with 207 feet 3¼ inches, while Anson Perina of Princeton dethroned Bill Watson of Michigan in the broad jump at 24 feet 9¼ inches.

Dick Ganslen of Columbia took the vault at 13 feet 6 inches and Ted Leonas of Notre Dame the high jump at 6 feet 4 inches.

In the lesser relays Maryland won the Class B mile title in 3:19.3 for a meet record, while Hampton captured the teachers' college mile in 3:21.4, also a meet record.

Schoolboys Do Well

The schoolboy phase of the program contributed greatly to the record breaking. The Seton Hall two-mile combination of Carmen Bova, Frank Leary, Lou Collado and Frank Fletcher turned in a grand 7:55.8 in the two-mile prep school championship to clip the old figures by almost thirteen seconds. Long Branch won the high school division in 8:17.3—which shows the real class of the Seton Hall group.

Another superb performance was the 3:19.3 by the La Salle Military Academy foursome of Fred Sickinger, Don Carmiencke, Al Rogers and Tom Cahill in the one-mile prep school title test. La Salle scored a three-yard victory over Seton Hall. Altoona took the high school crown in 3:25.2, which was a record there.

Both the Seton Hall two-mile and the La Salle one-mile were better than national interscholastic marks.

Major Winners in Relays

440 Yards—Pittsburgh.
*880 Yards—Pittsburgh.
*One Mile—Pittsburgh.
Two Miles—N. Y. U.
Four Miles—North Texas State.
*Sprint Medley—Pittsburgh.
*Distance Medley—North Texas State.
*Shutte Hurdles—Virginia.
*Retained title.

The Summaries

By The Associated Press.

COLLEGE RELAYS

880-YARD CHAMPIONSHIP

Heats

(Four fastest qualify for final)

First Heat—Won by Cornell; second, Villanova; third, Notre Dame; fourth, Penn State. Time—1:26.5. (New carnival record; former record, 1:26.6, set by University of Texas, 1936, and tied by Pittsburgh, 1938.)

Second Heat—Won by Syracuse; second, Columbia; third, Colgate. Time—1:30.1.

Third Heat—Won by Pittsburgh; second, N. Y. U.; third, Virginia. Time—1:27.1.

Fourth Heat—Won by Michigan; second, Xavier (New Orleans); third, Pennsylvania. Time—1:28.7.

Qualifiers—Cornell, Villanova, Pittsburgh, N. Y. U.

Final

Won by Pittsburgh (Frank Ohl, Al Ferrara, Larry Tregoning, John Woodruff); second, Cornell; third, New York University; fourth, Villanova. Time—1:25.9. (New carnival record; betters record of 1:26.5 set by Cornell in trial heat.

TWO-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by New York University (Bresnick, Urback, Herbert, Giddings); second, Indiana; third, Michigan; fourth, Yale; fifth, Manhattan; sixth, Fordham; seventh, Cornell; eighth, Pennsylvania. Time—7:45.

FOUR-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by North Texas State Teachers College (Harvey Bryant, Wayne Rideout, Jack Sahling, Blaine Rideout); second, Manhattan; third, Michigan; fourth, Maryland; fifth, Cornell; sixth, Penn State; seventh, Alfred; eighth, Temple. Time—17:25.9.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Hampton, Va. (Furcron, Antoine, Childs, Washington); second, Bloomsburg, Pa.; third, Montclair, N. J.; fourth, Tuskegee; fifth, West Chester, Pa. Time—3:21.4. (New carnival record; former record, 3:23, made by Michigan Western Teachers in 1937.)

CLASS B MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Maryland (Murphy, V. Miller, Ochenreiter, A. Miller); second, Hampton, Va.; third, Pittsburgh; fourth, Fordham; fifth, Navy; sixth, Columbia; seventh, Colgate. Time—3:19.3. (New carnival record; former record, 3:19.6, made by North Texas State Teachers in 1937.)

ONE MILE RACES

First Race—Won by Washington College, Md. (Watson, Tully, Coleman, Buck); second, Johns Hopkins; third, Catholic University; fourth, Towson (Md.) Teachers; fifth, American University; sixth, Delaware. Time—3:31.4.

Second Race—Won by Lincoln (Pa.) University (Harris, Bolden, Ramos, Taliaferro); second, Bethany; third, Alfred; fourth, St. Joseph's; fifth, Newark; sixth, Brooklyn. Time—3:30.7.

Third Race—Won by Bloomsburg (Pa.) Teachers (Zalesky, Temple, Mulhern, Var Devender; second, Rider; third, Wagner; fourth, Howard; fifth, La Salle; sixth, Hofstra; seventh, Ithaca. Time—3:25.8.

Fourth Race—Won by Virginia State (Moss, Madden, Brewster, Brewer); second, Rutgers; third, St. John's, Brooklyn; fourth, C. C. N. Y.; fifth, Morgan; sixth, Lafayette. Time—3:26.3.

Fifth Race—Won by Seton Hall (Sharkey, Guilfoyle, Macieski, Lipski); second, Villanova; third, St. Francis, Brooklyn; fourth, Bucknell; fifth, Haverford; sixth, Juniata. Time—3:24.5.

Sixth Race—Won by Washington and Lee (Curl, Thuran, Harvey, Ragon); second, Wayne; third, Tuskegee; fourth, Lehigh; fifth, Swarthmore. Time—3:22.

ONE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Pittsburgh (Ohl, Ferrara, Graf, Woodruff); second, Michigan; third, New York University; fourth, Princeton; fifth, Cornell; sixth, Fordham; seventh, Georgetown; eighth, Manhattan. Time—3:14.8. (New Carnival record; former record, 3:15.4, made by Pennsylvania in 1932.)

ONE-MILE FRESHMAN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner Decided on Time)

First Section—Won by Seton Hall, East Orange, N. J. (Wolczuk, Macieski, Graham, Lipski); second, Georgetown third, Penn State; fourth, St. Francis Brooklyn; fifth, Pittsburgh; sixth, Temple; seventh, West Chester (Pa.) Teachers; eighth, Boston; ninth, Lafayette. Time—3:24.2.

Second Section—Won by New York University (Francis, Black, MacMitchell, Braun); second, Fordham; third, St. John's, Brooklyn; fourth, Princeton; fifth, Manhattan; sixth, Cornell; seventh, Pennsylvania; eighth, Lehigh. Time—3:24.8.

Title won by Seton Hall; second, New York University; third, Fordham; fourth, St. John's, Brooklyn.

480-YARD SHUTTLE HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heats

(Three Fastest Qualify for Final)

First Heat—Won by Pennsylvania; second, Temple; third, Washington and Lee. Time—1:02.

Second Heat—Won by Virginia; second, Cornell (only two starters). Time—1:01.7.

Qualifiers—Virginia, Pennsylvania, Cornell.

FINAL

Won by Virginia (Poe, Stokes, Peyton, Fuller); second, Cornell; third, Pennsylvania. Time—1:01.5.

INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

100-YARD DASH

Trials

(First Three in Each Qualify for Final)

First Heat—Won by Leon Chabot, Navy; second, John Maher, Villanova; third, James Ward, West Chester (Pa.) Teachers; fourth, Herbert Weast, Columbia. Time—0:09.9.

Second Heat—Won by Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee; second, Kenneth Clapp, Brown; third, Robert Jackson, Princeton; fourth, Allan Smith, Michigan. Time—0:09.8.

Final

Won by Ellerbe; second, Clapp; third, Jackson; fourth, Maher; fifth, Chabot. Time—0:09.6. (Equals Carnival record set by George Simpson, Ohio State, in 1929 and 1930.)

JAVELIN THROW

Won by Nick Vukmanic, Penn State, 207 feet 3½ inches; second, Harry Sullivan, Duke, 194 feet 11½ inches; third, E. K. Bremer, Michigan State, 190 feet 9 inches; fourth, Karl Richard, Navy, 186 feet 8 inches; fifth Daniel Bonham, Bloomsburg (Pa.) Teachers, 181 feet ½ inch.

HAMMER THROW

Won by John McLaughry, Brown, 169 feet 5 3-16 inches; second, William McKeever, Cornell, 156 feet; third, Earl Moore, Syracuse, 152 feet 11¼ inches; fourth, Joseph Zabliski, Boston College, 152 feet 4 inches; fifth, Raymond F. Marcus, Yale, 146 feet 1 inch.

BROAD JUMP

Won by Anson Perina, Princeton, 24 feet 9¼ inches; second, William Watson, Michigan, 24 feet 2 inches; third, Don Blount, Dartmouth, 24 feet 1⅝ inches; fourth, Francis G. Zeimetz, Boston College, 23 feet ½ inch; fifth, W. A. Arrington, Michigan State, 22 feet 5⅛ inches.

POLE VAULT

Won by Richard Ganslen, Columbia, 13 feet 9 inches; second, Howard Jensen, Temple, 13 feet 6 inches; third, Cary Evans, Lehigh, 12 feet 6 inches; fourth, Albert Davis, Cornell, 12 feet 6 inches (third and fourth decided on number of misses); tie for fifth among W. D. Wagner, Yale; George Clifton, Pittsburgh, and James Corbett, Princeton, 12 feet.

HIGH JUMP

Won by Theodore Leonas, Notre Dame, 6 feet 4 inches; second, W. A. Arrington, Michigan State, 6 feet 3 inches (decided on number of misses); tie for third between Arthur Byrnes, Manhattan, and Edwin Miller, Maryland, 6 feet 3 inches.

SCHOOL RELAYS

PREP SCHOOL MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by La Salle Military, Oakdale, N. Y. (Sickinger, Carmiencke, Rogers, Cahill); second, Seton Hall, East Orange, N. J.; third, Mercersburg, Pa.; fourth, St. Benedict's, N. J.; fifth, Lawrenceville, N. J. Time—3:19.3 (new interscholastic record; former record, 3:21.4, made by Hollywood Calif., high in 1929).

HIGH SCHOOL MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner Decided on Fastest Time

First Section—Won by Altoona, Pa. (Gilliland, O'Shell, Shaner, Madden); second, Northeast, Philadelphia; third, De La Salle, New York; fourth, Perth Amboy, N. J. Time—3:25.2 (new carnival record; previous record, 3:27.4, made by Cedar Rapids, Iowa, High in 1921).

Second Section—Won by West Catholic, Philadelphia (Dicarlo, Reilly, Keefrider, Dunbar); second, Trenton, N. J.; third, Hamilton (Ont.) Collegiate Institute; fourth, Hillside, N. J.; fifth, Ridgewood, N. J. Time—3:26.9.

Title won by Altoona; Philadelphia West Catholic, second; Philadelphia Northeast, third.

PREP SCHOOL TWO-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Seton Hall, East Orange, N. J. (Bova, Leary, Collado, Fletcher); second, Lawrenceville, N. J.; third, Brooklyn; fourth, St. Francis, Brooklyn. Time—7:55.8 (new national interscholastic record; previous record, 8:05.5, set by Des Moines, Iowa; Roosevelt High in 1938).

HIGH SCHOOL TWO-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Long Branch, N. J. (Maratto, Pigage, Penta, Bullock); second, Hamilton (Ont.) Collegiate; third, Good Counsel, N. J.; fourth, Overbrook, Philadelphia; fifth, Northeast Catholic, Philadelphia; sixth, Columbia, N. J.; seventh, Bayonne, N. J.; eighth, Norristown, Pa.; ninth, Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia; tenth, Cheltenham, Philadelphia; eleventh, South Philadelphia; twelfth, Baington, Pa.; thirteenth, Thomas Jefferson, Elizabeth, N. J.; fourteenth, St. Michael, N. J. Time—8:17.3.

ONE-MILE RACES

First Race—Won by Pottsville, Pa. (Neyer, Spontak, Chipriano, Ventresca); second, Swarthmore, Pa.; third, Boyertown, Pa.; fourth, Howard, Del.; fifth, Jenkintown, Pa.; sixth, Newark, Del.; seventh, Upper Moreland, Pa.; eighth, Spring City, Pa.; ninth, E. I. du Pont, Del. Time—3:39.

Second Race—Won by Coatesville, Pa. (Robinson, Musika, Jones, Morton); second, Springfield, Pa.; third, Lebanon, Pa.; fourth, Abingdon, Pa.; fifth, Ambler, Pa.; sixth, Matawan, N. J.; seventh, Freehold, N. J. Time—3:31.8.

Third Race—Won by Ridgewood, N. J. (Gates, McHenry, Kirkland, Koehler); second, Hillside, N. J.; third, Downingtown, Pa.; fourth, Palmyra, N. J.; fifth, Riverside, N. J.; sixth, P. S. du Pont, Del.; seventh, West Lawn, Pa.; eighth, Harrisburg (Pa.) Catholic. Time—3:28.9.

Fourth Race—Won by Trenton, N. J. (Hirsch, Hill, Toth, Falwell); second, Union, N. J.; third, Sanford, N. J.; fourth, Lansdale, Pa.; fifth, Olney Township, Pa.; sixth, Wyomissing, Pa.; seventh, Lansford, Pa. Time—3:28.1.

Fifth Race—Won by St. Aloysius, N. J. (Keogh, Ashley, Jones, Mara); second, Madison, N. J.; third, Mount Penn, Pa.; fourth, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; fifth, Burlington, N. J.; sixth, Catawissa, Pa.; seventh, Eddystone, Pa. Time—3:37.2.

Sixth Race—Won by Haddon Heights, N. J. (Quigley, Sauer, Sadler, Cooper); second, Neptune, N. J.; third, Millburn, N. J.; fourth, Summit, N. J.; fifth, Woodbury, N. J.; sixth, Red Bank, N. J.; seventh, Union Hill, N. J.; eighth, Audubon, N. J.; ninth, Wildwood, N. J.; tenth Roselle Park, N. J.; eleventh, Cape May N. J.; twelfth, Oxford, Pa. Time—3:35.2

Seventh Race—Won by Sellersville-Perkasie Pa. (Schuster, Barnes, Fretz, Cressman) second, Ferris, N. J.; third, Shillington Pa.; fourth, Woodrow Wilson, Camden N. J.; fifth, Kingston, Pa.; sixth, North York, Pa.; seventh, Gratz, Pa.; eighth Lehighton, Pa.; ninth, Pennsylvania School for Deaf; tenth, Ridley Township Pa.; eleventh, North Plainfield, N. J. twelfth, Lambertville, N. J., thirteenth Halboro, Pa. Time—3:37.9.

Eighth Race—Won by St. Michael's, N. J (Delucia, Boily, Cancalosli, Courtney) second, Mount St. Michael's, New York third, Somerville, N. J.; fourth, St Thomas More, Philadelphia; fifth, Dover N. J.; sixth, St. Mary's, N. J.; seventh Mount Holly, N. J. Time—3:33.2.

Ninth Race—Won by Haverford Township Pa. (Herzog, MacFarlane, Richter, Cook) second, Middletown, Del.; third, Millville N. J.; fourth, Phoenixville, Pa.; fifth Cheltenham, Pa.; sixth, Glen-Nor, Pa.; seventh, Darby, Pa.; eighth, Pottstown Pa.; ninth, Conshocken, Pa.; tenth Springfield, Pa. (Ridley Park, Pa., finished second but was disqualified for pushing). Time—3:36.

Tenth Race—Won by Princeton, N. J. (Skippith, Drake, Bensinger, Shorten); second, Perth Amboy, N. J.; third, Olney Philadelphia; fourth, Toms River, N. J.; fifth, Birdsboro, Pa.; sixth, Morrisville, Pa.; seventh, Hamburg, Pa.; eighth Langhorne-Middletown, Pa.; ninth, Norcom, Va. Time—3:32.

Eleventh Race—Won by Westfield, N. J (Crandall, Kiley, Waugh, Tifft); second Plainfield, N. J.; third, Bayonne, N. J. fourth, Ocean City, N. J.; fifth, Middle Township, N. J.; sixth, Camden, N. J. County Vocational; seventh, Lansdowne, Pa. Time—3:32.8.

Twelfth Race—Won by Gloucester City, N. J. (Hudson, Foster, Green, Irvin); second, Pennsgrove, N. J.; third, Glassboro, N. J.; fourth, Paulsboro, N. J.; fifth, Clayton, N. J.; sixth, Pittsman, N. J.; seventh, Merchantville, N. J.; eighth, Salem, N. J.; ninth, Swedesboro, N. J.; tenth, Woodstown, N. J. Time—3:39.2.

Thirteenth Race—Won by Mt. Carmel, Pa. (Pierotti, Thornberger, Bilder, Kowalick); second, State College, Pa.; third, Belair, Md., fourth, Easton, Pa.; fifth, Coughlin, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; sixth, Muhlenberg Township, Pa.; seventh, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. Time—3:37.9.

Fourteenth Race—Won by Long Branch, N. J. (Pigga, Penta, Bullock, Bristow); second, Moorestown, N. J.; third, Collingswood, N. J.; fourth, Asbury Park, N. J.; fifth, Crispus Attucks, Ind.; sixth, Camden, N. J.; seventh, Vineland, N. J.; eighth, Atlantic City, N. J.; ninth, Haddonfield Memorial, N. J.; tenth, Bridgeton, N. J. Time—3:32.6.

Fifteenth Race—Won by West Chester, Pa. (Mills, Cummings, Hoge, Herkins); second, Overbrook, Philadelphia; third, Media, Pa.; fourth, Upper Darby, Pa.; fifth, Allentown, Pa.; sixth, Douglass, Baltimore; seventh, Chester, Pa.; eighth Wilmington, Del.; ninth, Collingdale, Pa. Time—3:33.1.

Sixteenth Race—Won by Norristown, Pa. (Glisson, Chantry, Nuss, Bean); second, Frankford, Philadelphia; third, Baltimore City College; fourth, South Philadelphia; fifth, Lower Merion, Pa.; sixth, Radnor, Pa. Time—3:36.6.

Seventeenth Race—Won by Northeast, Philadelphia (Goode, Orth, Flomenhoft, Hart); second, West Catholic, Philadelphia; third, Washington Eastern; fourth, Baltimore Poly; fifth, Kearny, N. J.; sixth, Roman Catholic, Philadelphia; seventh, West Philadelphia; eighth, Germantown, Philadelphia; ninth, Thomas Jefferson, Elizabeth, N. J.; tenth, Southeast Catholic, Philadelphia. Time—3:34.2.

Eighteenth Race—Won by Barringer, Newark, N. J. (Speer, Robinson, Nimmo, Ingram); second, Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia; third, Columbia, N. J.; fourth, John Bartram, Philadelphia. Time—3:27.5.

Nineteenth Race—Won by Reading, Pa. (Fisher, McKnight, Montz, Carter); second, York, Pa.; third, Lancaster, Pa.; fourth, William Penn, Harrisburg, Pa.; fifth, Bethlehem, Pa.; sixth, John Harris, Harrisburg, Pa.; seventh, Williamsport, Pa. Time—3:35.2.

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Ellerbee Will Seek To Equal 100 Mark At Tuskegee Relays

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Tuskegee relay records are expected to fall when the brilliant array of track talent comes to the Institute for the 13th Annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival which will be held in the Alumni Bowl Saturday. Friday

Heading the list of special events will be the great race which will be staged by Hicks of Xavier University; Holmes of the Florida A. and M. College, and Ellerbe of Tuskegee. Ellerbe, the world's fastest human today, is the 1938 Drake Relay champion; the N. C. A. A. champion and the 1939 Kansas and Penn Relays champion, will have to equal his record of 9.5 set last year at Tuskegee and equalled at Kansas this year to turn back Hicks and Holmes as well as the rest of the field of 42 of the best sprinters in the nation who have been entered in the Clarence Matthews Memorial One Hundred Classic.

In the shot put the great Lilburn Williams of Xavier, Drake Relay champion for 1939, seems to be in a class by himself. Williams, who is one of the best shot putters in the world, will attempt to set a new mark in this event. His winning heave at the Drake Relays was 51 feet and 3 inches. Farrow of Xavier and Mitchell of Morehouse, the two men who ran a dead heat in the 400 meters hurdles, will renew their duel in this event. At Drake this year, Farrow, in a race that a blanket could have covered all three men, was judged third to Simmons of Nebraska, who was first, and Wright of Oklahoma, who was second. The time was 53 and 5-10 seconds. 5-11-39

With Farmer of Xavier hitting the 13 foot mark consistently in the pole vault, the record in this event seems doomed.

The Classic One Mile Relay for the Frank A. Young Challenge cup promises to be one of the most closely contested events on the Saturday program. There are several teams entered that are capable of doing 3:19 or better. Prairie View State College, Prairie View, Texas, winner of the trophy last year and third place winner at Drake this year, is the favorite with Holland, Pickett, Sadberry and O. Pickett, as anchor man, who can do 48 flat for the quarter. Morehouse, Bishop, Florida A. and M. College, Clark University, Morris Brown College, State Teachers College of Montgomery, Ala., Wiley College, Knoxville College, Fisk University, Talladego College and several other colleges and universities will send competitors to the carnival who will offer stern competition to the champions.

The Atlanta Constitution is offering this year through Hugh Trotti, vice president, a 30-inch loving cup to be awarded the winning team in the mile relay. The cup will be retired from competition if and when a school wins it five times. Mr. Trotti, who is a well-known and highly regarded Georgia educator, hopes to come to Tuskegee for the relay carnival and personally present the cup to the winning team on behalf of the Atlanta Constitution.

The Tenth Annual Junior and Senior Women's Track and Field Championships will be held in the Alumni Bowl on Friday afternoon, May 12. The afternoon program will begin at 1:00 o'clock. Schools entered include the Booker Washington High School, Atlanta; State Teachers College High School, Montgomery; Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas; Florida A. and M. College, Tallahassee; Snow Hill Institute, Snow Hill, Ala.; Sandford Consolidated High School, Hurtsboro, Ala.; Macon County High School, Roba, Ala.; Xavier University Preparatory School, New Orleans; Montgomery County High School, Waugh, Ala.; Howard Academy, Ocala, Fla.; and teams from the college and high school departments of Tuskegee Institute.

The Tuskegee track and field team, essentially considered a team of much power and brilliance, will enter the contest primed to retain its championship crown. Several promising feminine performers, however, have warned Lula Hymes, America's No. 1 woman athlete, that she will have to erase her old marks if she expects to retain her crown. Lula Hymes is entered in the broad jump and the hundred-yard dash. She also anchors the one-fourth mile championship relay team.

Margaret Barnes will endeavor to better her record in the javelin throw and the baseball throw. Other Tuskegee women who will endeavor to establish new records are Hattie Hall in the shot put; Rowena Harrison, 100 yard dash; Helen Hutchinson, 100 yard dash; Leile Perry, hurdles. Mable Smith and Dorothy Ballard will have to fight hard to retain their positions in the high jump. Jessie Abbott, Hester Brown and Ernestine Rogers are expected to perform well in the special events in which they have been entered.

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Panthers Set Records In Half, Mile Events

Total of 7 Standards Fall in Final Competition at Philadelphia—North Texas State Only Other Double Winner in 2-Day Meet—Yale Takes Fourth, 2 Fifth Places

By BILL BONI

Philadelphia, April 29.—(AP)—Pittsburgh's Panthers, anchored each time by giant-striding John Woodruff, blazed over the fast Franklin Field cinder track in successful defense of their half-mile and mile championships today, set new track meet records in both, and thus emerged as the first school ever to win four titles in the long history of the University of Pennsylvania relay carnival.

Long John, Olympic champion at 800 meters, was the stand out figure in this 45th renewal of the track and field extravaganza. Appearing here for the last time as a collegian, the 6-foot 4-inch giant gave proof of his versatility by running a blistering 220 yard leg in the morning and then coming back in the last event of the meet, the classic one-mile relay, to rip off a 47.4-second quarter-mile. That anchor leg brought Pitt home 10 yards i front of Michigan. The time was 3 minutes 14.8 seconds, one of the fastest performances on the books and six-tenths of a second under the Penn relay mark established seven years ago by Bill Carr and his University of Pennsylvania team-mates. Coupled with the half-mile victory in 1:25.9, seven-tenths under the former meet mark, and yesterday's sprint medley win, it enabled the Panthers to repeat all three of their 1938 triumphs. In addition, they won the quarter-mile championship yesterday.

Pittsburgh and Woodruff combined for two of the seven carnival standards which were smashed today. The others fell in the Class "B" college mile, won by Maryland n 3:19.3, three-tenths under the ormer mark; the Teachers College mile, won by Hampton of Virginia n 3:12.4; the high school mile, and he prep school mile and two-mile. The two prep school records, turned n by La Salle of Oakdale, N. Y., and Seton Hall of East Orange, N. J., respectively, also were new national interscholastic standards.

In addition one meet mark was tied by Mozel Ellerbe, N. C. A. champion from Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute. The Negro whipped through the final of the 100-yard invitation sprint in 9.6 seconds to win by a good three feet from Kenny Clapp of Brown.

Besides Pitt, only one other school took more than one title. North Texas State Teachers College, featuring Wayne and Blaine Rideout, added to the distance medley it had won on opening day the four-mile championship, with Wayne Rideout running a 4:16.3 mile and twin brother Blaine a anchor to score by 120 yards over Manhattan College in 17:25.9. New York U., with a 7:45 performance succeeded Manhattan as two-mile champion, and Virginia owing almost all of its success to Frank Fuller, took down the 480-yard shuttle hurdle title.

Yale's two-mile relay team ran fourth in the feature two-mile college championship event.

In the pole vault W. D. Wagner of Yale tied with George Clifton of Pitt and James Corbett of Princeton for fifth place at 12 feet.

Raymond F. Marcus, Yale hammer thrower, placed fifth in his specialty.

The summaries:

Teachers College one-mile relay championship—Won by Hampton Va. (Furcron, Antoine, Childs Washington); second, Bloomsburg Pa.; third, Montclair, N. J.; fourth Tuskegee; fifth, Westchester, Pa Time, 3:21.4. (New carnival record Former record, 3:23, made by Michigan Western Teachers in 1937).

Four-mile college relay championship—Won by North Texas State Teachers College (Harvey Bryant, Wayne Rideout, Jack Sahling, Blaine Rideout); second, Manhattan; third, Michigan; fourth, Maryland; fifth, Cornell; sixth, Penn State; seventh, Alfred; eight, Temple. Time, 17:25.9.

Class "B" one mile college relay championship—Won by Maryland (Murphy, V. Miller, Ochenreiter, A. Miller); second, Hampton, Va.; third, Pittsburgh; fourth, Fordham; fifth, Navy; sixth, Columbia;

seventh, Colgate. Time, 3:19.3. (New carnival record. Former record, 3:19.6, made by North Texas State Teachers in 1937).

Two-mile College Relay Championship—Won by New York University (Bresnick, Urback, Herbert Giddings); second, Indiana; third Michigan; fourth, Yale; fifth, Manhattan; sixth, Fordham; seventh Cornell; eighth, Pennsylvania. Time 7:45.

Pole vault — Won by Richard Ganslen, Columbia, 13 feet, 9 inches; second, Howard Jensen, Temple, 13 feet, 6 inches; third, Cary Evans, Lehigh, 12 feet, 6 inches; fourth; Albert Davis, Cornell, 12 feet, 6 inches, (third and fourth decided on number of misses); fifth, tie between W. D. Wagner, Yale: George Clifton, Pittsburgh and James Corbett, Princeton, 12 feet.

Half-mile College Relay—Won by Pittsburgh (Frank Ahl, Al Ferrara, Larry Tregoning, John Woodruff); second, Cornell; third, New York University; fourth, Villanova. Time 1:25.9 (new carnival record; better record of 1:26.5 set by Cornell in trial heat.)

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High jump—Won by Theodore Leonas, Notre Dame, 6 feet, 4 inches; second, W. A. Arrington Michigan State, 6 feet, 3 inches (decided on number of misses); third tie between Arthur Byrnes, Manhattan and Edwin Miller, Maryland, 6 feet, 3 inches.

480-Yard shuttle hurdle college relay championship won by Virginia (Poe, Stokes, Peyton, Fuller); second, Cornell; third, Pennsylvania. Time 1:01.5.

Invitation 100-yard dash won by Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee; second, Kenneth Clapp, Brown; third, Robert Jackson, Princeton; fourth John Maher, Villanova; fifth, Leon Chabot, Navy. Time 9.6.

(Equals carnival record set by George Simpson, Ohio State in 1929 and 1930).

One-mile college relay championship—Won by Pittsburgh (Ohl, Ferrara, Graf, Woodruff); second, Michigan; third, New York University; fourth, Princeton; fifth, Cornell; sixth, Fordham; seventh, Georgetown; eighth, Manhattan. Time 3:14.8.

(New carnival record. Former record, 3:15.4, made by Pennsylvania in 1932.)

Montgomery, Ala Journal
May 12, 1939

Outstanding Stars Compete Saturday In Tuskegee Relays

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. May 12.—Everything is in readiness for the 13th annual running of the Tuskegee relay carnival which will be held in the Alumni Bowl beginning at 1 p. m. Saturday.

Standing out as one of the feature attractions of the numerous track and field events is the classic Clarence Matthews Memorial 100-yard dash. Mozell Ellerbe, 1938 Drake relay champion, the N. C. A. A. champion, the 1939 Kansas and Penn relays champion, is the favorite to win in the century. He will, however, be pushed by Hicks of Xavier, Holmes of Florida, and Ealey of Tilloston. The century will come midway the afternoon program.

In the relays the teams from Prairie View, State Teachers college, Morehouse college, Wiley college and Xavier university are expected to show excellent form. The Tuskegee quartet with Pretwell, Ellerbe, Slade and Sams may surprise the spectators with the unusual in performance.

The Moton mile will attract more than a dozen of the best milers in this country. Upshaw Sams of Tuskegee is regarded as a good miler and he may emerge the winner of this event. He will have plenty of stiff competition.

In the pole vault Scisco of Tuskegee and Farmer of Xavier are expected to stage a great battle. Lilburn Williams of Xavier will have little opposition in the shot put. His 51 foot mark stands as a Tuskegee relay record and no one has been able to chack this mark thus far this season. The Frank A. Young trophy, given for the one-mile relay is one of the most coveted prizes on the program. This trophy becomes the property of the school winning it for one year. At the end of 25 years this trophy will be retired and will become the property of Tuskegee institute.

John Woodruff, Track Star, Steals Spotlight In Penn Relays Before 30,000 Fans

Three Pittsburgh Relay Teams Anchored to Victory in Sensational Time Leaving Spectators Groggy

Bitt Watson of Michigan, Sets New Recodr

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—(ANP)—Taking up where he left of a year ago, Long John Woodruff proved the star of the 1939 Penn relays as he anchored three Pitt relay teams to victory in sensational times that left the spectators groggy.

But there were other sterling performances. Mozel Ellerbe of Tuskegee, national collegiate champion and sprint winner the previous Saturday in the Kansas relays, won the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds, tying the carnival record. Capt. Bill Watson of Michigan set a new relays record n the shot put at 52 feet 9¼ inches, then took second in the broad jump at 24 feet 2 inches, and second in the discus at 152 feet 2.

Woodruff went on exhibition in Friday's sprint medley championship. When he received the baton at the start of his half mile anchor leg, Long John was five yards behind Curtis Giddings, New York U. ace, and Frank Slater, white, of Fordham. Woodruff not only passed them, but finished 15 yards ahead of Giddings and 35 in front of Slater after turning in a time of 1:51.2 for the 880.

Saturday before 30,000, he paced the half mile team to a new carnival record of 1:25.9 by running his anchor 220 in a blazing 21 seconds flat. He started out two yards ahead of his closest rival and finished four yards to the good. Woodruff finished his amazing performance later by striding through a 47.4 quarter mile anchor leg as Pitt also cracked the mile relay team a 3:14.8. Jim Herbert brought third place to N. Y. U. through a fine anchor leg.

Art Thomas, a star in his own right, was also a Pitt standout He was a member of the victorious quarter, and sprint medley teams.

Giddings ran his heart out to give N. Y. U. the two-mile relay championship. As anchor man, he had to fight it out with Mel Trutt of Indiana, and won by two feet, running his half mile in 1:54.6 after Herbert had trotted his in 1:56.

Hampton's mile foursome won the Teachers' college championship in 3:21.4 with Tuskegee fourth and Hampton also was second in the Class B championship. In the special mile relays, the second race was won by Lincoln, Howard was fourth in the third, Virginia State won the fourth with Morgan fifth, and Tuskegee was third in the sixth. Xavier was third Friday in the quarter mile relay behind Pitt and Cornell.

Archie Harris, Indiana sophomore, was third in the discus with a toss of 143 feet 1⅛ and third in the shot with 49 feet ½ inch. W. A. Arrington, Michigan State sophomore, took second in the high jump at 6 feet 3 and third in the broad jump at 22 feet 5⅛ inches.

Fordham Mile Relay Team and Borican

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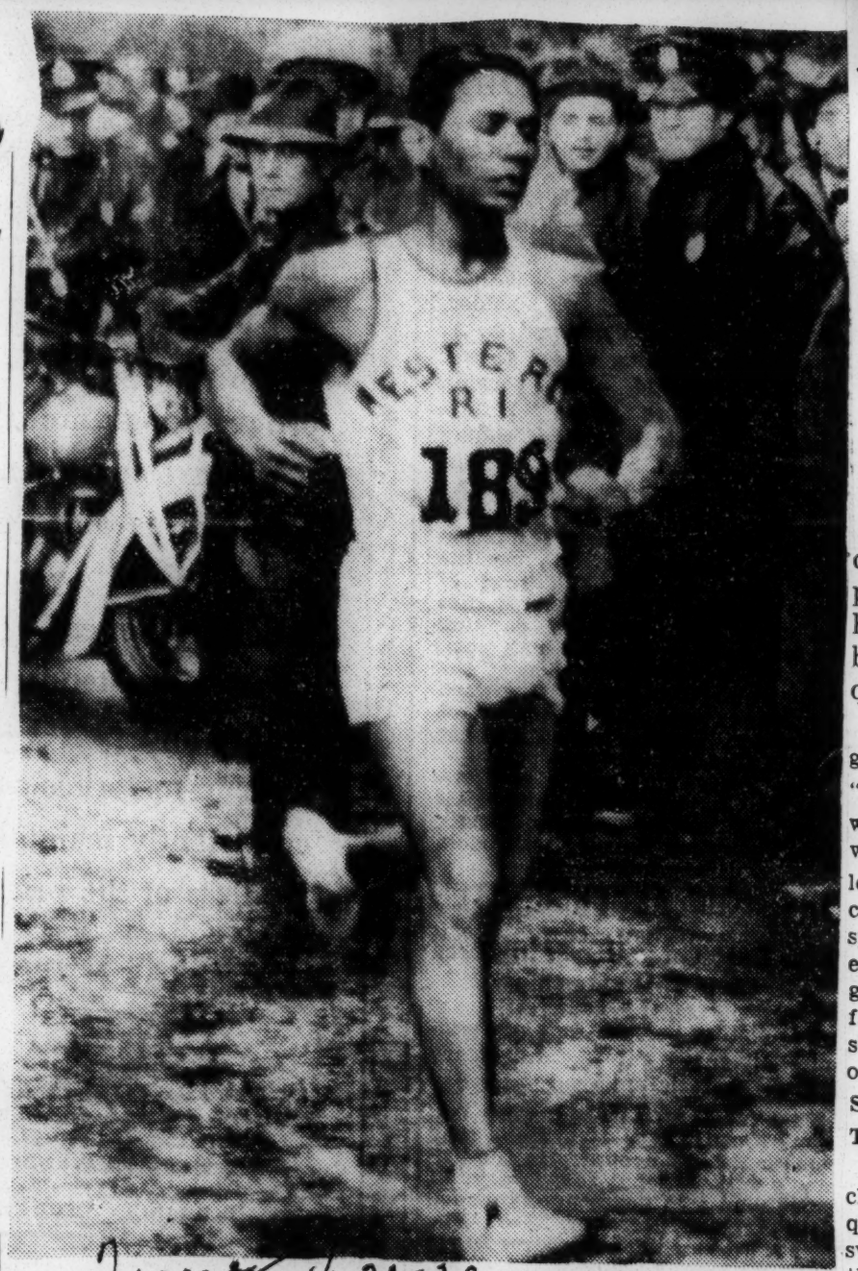

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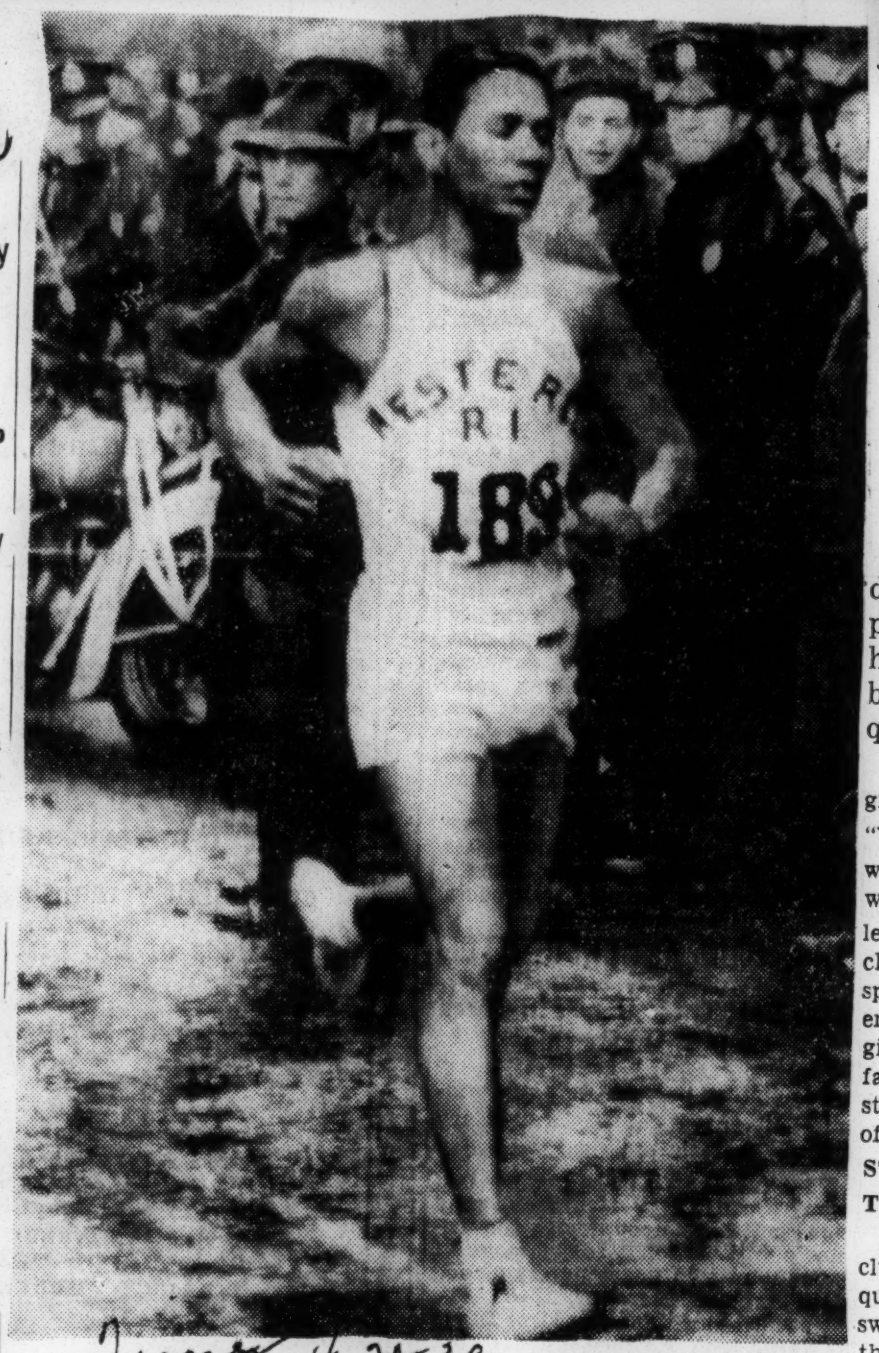

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Third Heat—Won by Pittsburgh; second, N. Y. U.; third, Virginia. Time—1:27.1.

Fourth Heat—Won by Michigan; second, Xavier (New Orleans); third, Pennsylvania. Time—1:28.7.

Qualifiers—Cornell, Villanova, Pittsburgh, N. Y. U.

Final

Won by Pittsburgh (Frank Ohl, Al Ferrara, Larry Tregoning, John Woodruff); second, Cornell; third, New York University; fourth, Villanova. Time—1:25.9. (New carnival record; betters record of 1:26.5 set by Cornell in trial heat.

ONE-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Pittsburgh (Ohl, Ferrara, Graf, Woodruff); second, Michigan; third, New York University; fourth, Princeton; fifth, Cornell; sixth, Fordham; seventh, Georgetown; eighth, Manhattan. Time—3:14.8. (New Carnival record; former record, 3:15.4, made by Pennsylvania in 1932.)

TWO-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by New York University (Bresnick, Urback, Herbert, Giddings); second, Indiana; third, Michigan; fourth, Yale; fifth, Manhattan; sixth, Fordham; seventh, Cornell; eighth, Pennsylvania. Time—7:45.

FOUR-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by North Texas State Teachers College (Harvey Bryant, Wayne Rideout, Jack Sahling, Blaine Rideout); second, Manhattan; third, Michigan; fourth, Maryland; fifth, Cornell; sixth, Penn State; seventh, Alfred; eighth, Temple. Time—17:25.9.

TEACHERS' COLLEGE MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Hampton, Va. (Furcron, Antoine, Childs, Washington); second, Bloomsburg, Pa.; third, Montclair, N. J.; fourth, Tuskegee; fifth, West Chester, Pa. Time—3:21.4. (New carnival record; former record, 3:23, made by Michigan Western Teachers in 1937.)

CLASS B MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Maryland (Murphy, V. Miller, Ochenreiter, A. Miller); second, Hampton, Va.; third, Pittsburgh; fourth, Fordham; fifth, Navy; sixth, Columbia; seventh, Colgate. Time—3:19.3. (New carnival record; former record, 3:19.6, made by North Texas State Teachers in 1937.)

ONE MILE RACES

First Race—Won by Washington College, Md. (Watson, Tully, Coleman, Buck); second, Johns Hopkins; third, Catholic University; fourth, Towson (Md.) Teachers; fifth, American University; sixth, Delaware. Time—3:31.4.

Second Race—Won by Lincoln (Pa.) University (Harris, Bolden, Ramos, Taliaferro); second, Bethany; third, Alfred; fourth, St. Joseph's; fifth, Newark; sixth, Brooklyn. Time—3:30.7.

Third Race—Won by Bloomsburg (Pa.) Teachers (Zalesky, Temple, Mulhern, Van Devender; second, Rider; third, Wagner; fourth, Howard; fifth, La Salle; sixth, Hofstra; seventh, Ithaca. Time—3:25.8.

Fourth Race—Won by Virginia State (Moss, Madden, Brewster, Brewer); second, Rutgers; third, St. John's, Brooklyn; fourth, C. C. N. Y.; fifth, Morgan; sixth, Lafayette. Time—3:26.3.

Fifth Race—Won by Seton Hall (Sharkey, Guilfoyle, Macieski, Lipski); second, Villanova; third, St. Francis, Brooklyn; fourth, Bucknell; fifth, Haverford; sixth, Juniata. Time—3:24.5.

Sixth Race—Won by Washington and Lee (Curl, Thuran, Harvey, Ragon); second, Wayne; third, Tuskegee; fourth, Lehigh; fifth, Swarthmore. Time—3:22.

ONE-MILE FRESHMAN CHAMPIONSHIP

(Winner Decided on Time)

First Section—Won by Seton Hall, East Orange, N. J. (Wolczuk, Macieski, Graham, Lipski); second, Georgetown; third, Penn State; fourth, St. Francis, Brooklyn; fifth, Pittsburgh; sixth, Temple; seventh, West Chester (Pa.) Teachers; eighth, Boston; ninth, Lafayette. Time—3:24.2.

Second Section—Won by New York University (Francis, Black, MacMitchell, Braun); second, Fordham; third, St. John's, Brooklyn; fourth, Princeton; fifth, Manhattan; sixth, Cornell; seventh, Pennsylvania; eighth, Lehigh. Time—3:24.8.

Title won by Seton Hall; second, New York University; third, Fordham; fourth, St. John's, Brooklyn.

480-YARD SHUTTLE HURDLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Heats

(Three Fastest Qualify for Final)

First Heat—Won by Pennsylvania; second, Temple; third, Washington and Lee. Time—1:02.

Second Heat—Won by Virginia; second, Cornell (only two starters). Time—1:01.7.

Qualifiers—Virginia, Pennsylvania, Cornell.

Final

Won by Virginia (Poe, Stokes, Peyton, Fuller); second, Cornell; third, Pennsylvania. Time—1:01.5.

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INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

100-YARD DASH

Trials

(First Three in Each Qualify for Final)

First Heat—Won by Leon Chabot, Navy; second, John Maher, Villanova; third, James Ward, West Chester (Pa.) Teachers; fourth, Herbert Weast, Columbia. Time—0:09.9.

Second Heat—Won by Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee; second, Kenneth Clapp, Brown; third, Robert Jackson, Princeton; fourth, Allan Smith, Michigan. Time—0:09.8.

Final

Won by Ellerbe; second, Clapp; third, Jackson; fourth, Maher; fifth, Chabot. Time—0:09.6. (Equals Carnival record set by George Simpson, Ohio State, in 1929 and 1930.)

JAVELIN THROW

Won by Nick Vukmanic, Penn State, 207 feet 3½ inches; second, Harry Sullivan, Duke, 194 feet 11½ inches; third, E. K. Bremer, Michigan State, 190 feet 9 inches; fourth, Karl Richard, Navy, 186 feet 8 inches; fifth Daniel Bonham, Bloomsburg (Pa.) Teachers, 181 feet ½ inch.

HAMMER THROW

Won by John McLaughry, Brown, 169 feet 5 3-16 inches; second, William McKeever, Cornell, 156 feet; third, Earl Moore, Syracuse, 152 feet 11¼ inches; fourth, Joseph Zabliski, Boston College, 152 feet 4 inches; fifth, Raymond F. Marcus, Yale, 146 feet 1 inch.

BROAD JUMP

Won by Anson Perina, Princeton, 24 feet 9¼ inches; second, William Watson, Michigan, 24 feet 2 inches; third, Don Blount, Dartmouth, 24 feet 1⅝ inches; fourth, Francis G. Zeimetz, Boston College, 23 feet ½ inch; fifth, W. A. Arrington, Michigan State, 22 feet 5⅛ inches.

POLE VAULT

Won by Richard Ganslen, Columbia, 13 feet 9 inches; second, Howard Jensen, Temple, 13 feet 6 inches; third, Cary Evans, Lehigh, 12 feet 6 inches; fourth, Albert Davis, Cornell, 12 feet 6 inches (third and fourth decided on number of misses); tie for fifth among W. D. Wagner, Yale; George Clifton, Pittsburgh, and James Corbett, Princeton, 12 feet.

HIGH JUMP

Won by Theodore Leonas, Notre Dame, 6 feet 4 inches; second, W. A. Arrington, Michigan State, 6 feet 3 inches (decided on number of misses); tie for third between Arthur Byrnes, Manhattan, and Edwin Miller, Maryland, 6 feet 3 inches.

SCHOOL RELAYS

PREP SCHOOL MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by La Salle Military, Oakdale, N. Y. (Sickinger, Carmiencke, Rogers, Cahill); second, Seton Hall, East Orange, N. J.; third, Mercersburg, Pa.; fourth, St. Benedict's, N. J.; fifth, Lawrenceville, N. J. Time—3:19.3 (new interscholastic record; former record, 3:21.4, made by Hollywood Calif., high in 1929).

HIGH SCHOOL MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Winner Decided on Fastest Time

First Section—Won by Altoona, Pa. (Gilliland, O'Shell, Shaner, Madden); second, Northeast, Philadelphia; third, De La Salle, New York; fourth, Perth Amboy, N. J. Time—3:25.2 (new carnival record; previous record, 3:27.4, made by Cedar Rapids, Iowa, High in 1921).

Second Section—Won by West Catholic, Philadelphia (Dicarlo, Reilly, Keefrider, Dunbar); second, Trenton, N. J.; third, Hamilton (Ont.) Collegiate Institute; fourth, Hillside, N. J.; fifth, Ridgewood, N. J. Time—3:26.9.

Title won by Altoona; Philadelphia West Catholic, second; Philadelphia Northeast, third.

PREP SCHOOL TWO-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Seton Hall, East Orange, N. J. (Bova, Leary, Collado, Fletcher); second, Lawrenceville, N. J.; third, Brooklyn; fourth, St. Francis, Brooklyn. Time—7:55.8 (new national interscholastic record; previous record, 8:05.5, set by Des Moines, Iowa; Roosevelt High in 1938).

HIGH SCHOOL TWO-MILE CHAMPIONSHIP

Won by Long Branch, N. J. (Maratto, Pigage, Penta, Bullock); second, Hamilton (Ont.) Collegiate; third, Good Counsel, N. J.; fourth, Overbrook, Philadelphia; fifth, Northeast Catholic, Philadelphia; sixth, Columbia, N. J.; seventh, Bayonne, N. J.; eighth, Norristown, Pa.; ninth, Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia; tenth, Cheltenham, Philadelphia; eleventh, South Philadelphia; twelfth, Bainton, Pa.; thirteenth, Thomas Jefferson, Elizabeth, N. J.; fourteenth, St. Michael, N. J. Time—8:17.3.

ONE-MILE RACES

First Race—Won by Pottsville, Pa. (Neyer, Spontak, Chipriano, Ventresca); second, Swarthmore, Pa.; third, Boyertown, Pa.; fourth, Howard, Del.; fifth, Jenkintown, Pa.; sixth, Newark, Del.; seventh, Upper Moreland, Pa.; eighth, Spring City, Pa.; ninth, E. I. du Pont, Del. Time—3:39.

Second Race—Won by Coatesville, Pa. (Robinson, Musika, Jones, Morton); second, Springfield, Pa.; third, Lebanon, Pa.; fourth, Abingdon, Pa.; fifth, Ambler, Pa.; sixth, Matawan, N. J.; seventh, Freehold, N. J. Time—3:31.8.

Third Race—Won by Ridgewood, N. J. (Gates, McHenry, Kirkland, Koehler); second, Hillside, N. J.; third, Downingtown, Pa.; fourth, Palmyra, N. J.; fifth, Riverside, N. J.; sixth, P. S. du Pont, Del.; seventh, West Lawn, Pa.; eighth, Harrisburg (Pa.) Catholic. Time—3:28.9.

Fourth Race—Won by Trenton, N. J. (Hirsch, Hill, Toth, Falwell); second, Union, N. J.; third, Sanford, N. J.; fourth, Lansdale, Pa.; fifth, Olney Township, Pa.; sixth, Wyomissing, Pa.; seventh, Lansford, Pa. Time—3:28.1.

Fifth Race—Won by St. Aloysius, N. J. (Keogh, Ashley, Jones, Mara); second, Madison, N. J.; third, Mount Penn, Pa.; fourth, Hollidaysburg, Pa.; fifth, Burlington, N. J.; sixth, Catawissa, Pa.; seventh, Eddystone, Pa. Time—3:37.2.

Sixth Race—Won by Haddon Heights, N. J. (Quigley, Sauer, Sadler, Cooper); second, Neptune, N. J.; third, Millburn, N. J.; fourth, Summit, N. J.; fifth, Woodbury, N. J.; sixth, Red Bank, N. J.; seventh, Union Hill, N. J.; eighth, Audubon, N. J.; ninth, Wildwood, N. J.; tenth, Roselle Park, N. J.; eleventh, Cape May, N. J.; twelfth, Oxford, Pa. Time—3:35.2.

Seventh Race—Won by Sellersville-Perkasie, Pa. (Schuster, Barnes, Fretz, Cressman); second, Ferris, N. J.; third, Shillington, Pa.; fourth, Woodrow Wilson, Camden, N. J.; fifth, Kingston, Pa.; sixth, North York, Pa.; seventh, Gratz, Pa.; eighth, Lehighton, Pa.; ninth, Pennsylvania School for Deaf; tenth, Ridley Township, Pa.; eleventh, North Plainfield, N. J.; twelfth, Lambertville, N. J., thirteenth, Halboro, Pa. Time—3:37.9.

Eighth Race—Won by St. Michael's, N. J. (Delucia, Boily, Cancalosli, Courtney); second, Mount St. Michael's, New York; third, Somerville, N. J.; fourth, St. Thomas More, Philadelphia; fifth, Dover, N. J.; sixth, St. Mary's, N. J.; seventh, Mount Holly, N. J. Time—3:33.2.

Ninth Race—Won by Haverford Township, Pa. (Herzog, MacFarlane, Richter, Cook); second, Middletown, Del.; third, Millville, N. J.; fourth, Phoenixville, Pa.; fifth, Cheltenham, Pa.; sixth, Glen-Nor, Pa.; seventh, Darby, Pa.; eighth, Pottstown, Pa.; ninth, Conshocken, Pa.; tenth Springfield, Pa. (Ridley Park, Pa., finished second but was disqualified for pushing). Time—3:36.

Tenth Race—Won by Princeton, N. J. (Skippith, Drake, Bensinger, Shaten); second, Perth Amboy, N. J.; third, Olney, Philadelphia; fourth, Toms River, N. J.; fifth, Birdsboro, Pa.; sixth, Morrisville, Pa.; seventh, Hamburg, Pa.; eighth, Langhorne-Middletown, Pa.; ninth, Norcom, Va. Time—3:32.

Eleventh Race—Won by Westfield, N. J. (Crandall, Kiley, Waugh, Tifft); second Plainfield, N. J.; third, Bayonne, N. J.; fourth, Ocean City, N. J.; fifth, Middle Township, N. J.; sixth, Camden, N. J. County Vocational; seventh, Lansdowne, Pa. Time—3:32.8.

Twelfth Race—Won by Gloucester City, N. J. (Hudson, Foster, Green, Irvin); second, Pennsgrove, N. J.; third, Glassboro, N. J.; fourth, Paulsboro, N. J.; fifth, Clayton, N. J.; sixth, Pitman, N. J.; seventh, Merchantville, N. J.; eighth, Salem, N. J.; ninth, Swedesboro, N. J.; tenth, Woodstown, N. J. Time—3:39.2.

Thirteenth Race—Won by Mt. Carmel, Pa. (Pierotti, Thornberger, Bilder, Kowalick); second, State College, Pa.; third, Belair, Md., fourth, Easton, Pa.; fifth, Coughlin, Wilkes Barre, Pa.; sixth, Muhlenberg Township, Pa.; seventh, Schuylkill Haven, Pa. Time—3:37.9.

Fourteenth Race—Won by Long Branch, N. J. (Pigga, Penta, Bullock, Bristow); second, Moorestown, N. J.; third, Collingswood, N. J.; fourth, Asbury Park, N. J.; fifth, Crispus Attucks, Ind.; sixth, Camden, N. J.; seventh, Vineland, N. J.; eighth, Atlantic City, N. J.; ninth, Haddonfield Memorial, N. J.; tenth, Bridgeton, N. J. Time—3:32.6.

Fifteenth Race—Won by West Chester, Pa. (Mills, Cummings, Hoge, Herkins); second, Overbrook, Philadelphia; third, Media, Pa.; fourth, Upper Darby, Pa.; fifth, Allentown, Pa.; sixth, Douglass, Baltimore; seventh, Chester, Pa.; eighth, Wilmington, Del.; ninth, Collingdale, Pa. Time—3:33.1.

Sixteenth Race—Won by Norristown, Pa. (Glisson, Chantry, Nuss, Bean); second, Frankford, Philadelphia; third, Baltimore City College; fourth, South Philadelphia; fifth, Lower Merion, Pa.; sixth, Radnor, Pa. Time—3:36.6.

Seventeenth Race—Won by Northeast, Philadelphia (Goode, Orth, Flomenhoft, Hart); second, West Catholic, Philadelphia; third, Washington Eastern; fourth, Baltimore Poly; fifth, Kearny, N. J.; sixth, Roman Catholic, Philadelphia; seventh, West Philadelphia; eighth, Germantown, Philadelphia; ninth, Thomas Jefferson, Elizabeth, N. J.; tenth, Southeast Catholic, Philadelphia. Time—3:34.2.

Eighteenth Race—Won by Barringer, Newark, N. J. (Speer, Robinson, Nimmo, Ingram); second, Benjamin Franklin, Philadelphia; third, Columbia, N. J.; fourth, John Bartram, Philadelphia. Time—3:27.5.

Nineteenth Race—Won by Reading, Pa. (Fisher, McKnight, Montz, Carter); second, York, Pa.; third, Lancaster, Pa.; fourth, William Penn, Harrisburg, Pa.; fifth, Bethlehem, Pa.; sixth, John Harris, Harrisburg, Pa.; seventh, Williamsport, Pa. Time—3:35.2.

NEW JERSEY TO CELEBRATE "BORICAN DAY"

Will Pay Tribute To Star

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Apr. 27. Glowing tribute will be paid John Borican, national middle distance track star, Saturday, when friends and admirers from all parts of the country will gather in the town of Bridgeton, New Jersey to celebrate "John Borican" day.

Sponsored by the city council and the board of education, festivities will begin at 1:30 with a parade, which will form downtown and proceed to the athletic field. At the field a track meet, with athletes from all sections of New Jersey competing, will be held.

To Run Half-Mile

As a feature of the meet, Borican will run a special half mile with picked athletes from the high schools. After the race all the local officials will take turn in acclaiming the "local boy who made good." Mayor Ericson of Bridgeton, will present Johnny with the keys to the city. Following this will be a banquet and dance in his honor.

The event is hailed significantly in the social annals of New Jersey, as Borican is the first colored youth to be so honored.

Naziism in Baseball

THE BIG LEAGUE BASEBALL SEASON OPENS NEXT WEEK — WITHOUT A SINGLE NEGRO PLAYER. Naziism continues, therefore, in the national pastime, in spite of all arguments and reason on the part of fair minded persons, and in spite of the ability of many current Negro baseball stars to make the big league grade.

Moreover, thousands of Negroes will be in the grandstand on opening day in every ball park in the country: they are among the most rabid fans extant. Not only will they show up on opening day, but they will also plop down their dollars throughout the season to help pay the salaries of the players and to fill the coffers of the owners.

We note that Jake Powell, outfielder on the New York Yankees, our own home town team, was not fired by the late Jake Ruppert or by Ed Barrows, present generalissimo of the Yanks, although Mr. Barrows and Joe McCarthy, Yankee manager, promised The Amsterdam News that they would give him the "bum's rush" for insulting the entire Negro race in a statement over the radio in Chicago last summer. We must not permit Messrs. Barrows and McCarthy to forget their promise; we were certain it was made in good faith. That they have not fired Powell is only additional proof that they don't give a hang about how often Powell or any other player insults the race.

Our advice to colored baseball fans in Harlem and elsewhere is to stay away from the big league parks and support the Negro semi-pro teams. You will not only get your money's worth but you won't be insulted either.

Birmingham, Ala. News
April 27, 1939

Colored Fans To See Fastest Man In Tilts Sunday

Birmingham colored baseball fans will have the opportunity of seeing the fastest man in the Negro National League when the famous Homestead Grays, world's champions, meet the Nashville Elite Giants at Rickwood Field in a double-header Sunday afternoon, the first game to get going at 1:30. The star in question is Jerry Benjamin, who plays center field for the famed Homesteaders.

Benjamin is not only a speedster of the first water, but he is a natural hitter as well. It will be in the nature of a homecoming for the celebrated flyhawk, for Birmingham happens to be his home and thousands of Jefferson County fans have seen him do his stuff in the outfield. Benjamin's pet trick is worrying pitchers and catchers to death, as he takes a big lead off first base, and is a two-to-one shot to steal if he ever gets away with the pitcher's delivery.

The entire garden trio of the Grays is one of the most talked of triple-threats in all Negro baseball. Vic Harris, who manages the club, plays left field for the outfit, and refused to take a club to Porto Rico this Winter because he wanted to devote all his time to rounding up a championship club for the Homestead fans.

The other member of the celebrated outfield is Jim Williams, who plays right field and bats and throws right-handed. Williams is one of the deadliest outfield peggers in the game, and he gets many dead birds at the home plate during the course of a season by virtue of his bullet-like throws from great distances. He has been playing baseball all Winter, so found himself in midseason form when the Grays opened their 1939 drive for the National League pennant.

ARMSTRONG SIGNED TO MEET RODERICK

LONDON, May 8—(AP)—All obstacles in the way of the Henry Armstrong-Cecil Roderick welterweight title fight have been removed, Promoter Brig. Gen. A. C. Critchley announced Monday, and the bout will be held as scheduled on May 25 at Harringay Arena.

Mike Jacobs, head of New York's Twentieth Century Sporting Club, cabled Critchley an arrangement whereby if Roderick wins he will have two nontitle fights here and defend his crown in the United States within six months. Jacobs also has an option on Armstrong's services. Roderick previously had balked at such conditions.

Both fighters were at a luncheon where Armstrong said: "My hand has improved remarkably and I'm confident I will knock Roderick out in six rounds."

Newark Eagles To Count On Vets In Pennant Race

NEWARK, N. J., May 1—The Newark Eagles' opening game of the Negro National League was postponed from Sunday until next week, May 7, when the New Jersey entry league entrant meets the Philadelphia Stars in Ruppert Stadium, home of the Newark Bears. The schedule change was announced by Mrs. Effa Manley shortly after a league confab.

However, local fans will not have to curb their anxiety to review the Eagles' aggregation too long because the team opens the season for the East Orange B. B. C. at the East Orange oval this Saturday afternoon. The rivalry between the teams is an annual event.

Manager Dick Lundy is convinced of the offensive power of the team this year and is particularly pleased with the pitching power displayed by the mound staff. Playing a barnstorm series through Georgia with the highly rated Atlanta Black Crackers, the Eagles were undefeated in six games.

The infield, in the exhibition series, has been going at an extraordinary pace. Hitting well at the plate and showing good form in fielding, Manager Lundy is completely satisfied with the work of last year's veterans, Mule Suttles, who cavorts around the initial sack, and the top-notch shortstop, Willie Wells.

The other two positions in the shortfield posts are being handled by two local boys. At third base, Bucky Johnson of Newark, who formerly played with the Dodgers, has been showing well. Charlie Biot of East Orange is doing the chores at second base. Dick Seay, who recently returned from a winter baseball tournament in Puerto Rico, will be at his second base post against the East Orange team.

The Eagles' outfield will show Lenny Pearson of East Orange in Centerfield, flanked by the new recruit, Freddie Wilsch, and the veteran Ed Stone. The pitchers available for the games include the staff of James Hill, Johnnie Wright, Buffer Hubert, Bob Evans, James Brown and Leon Day. Johnnie Hayes and Joe Brown will handle the catching assignment.

Sunday the Eagles will play the Bay Parkways in Brooklyn preliminary to their opening day session with the Stars. The Stars wil play Sunday at the Bushwicks.

Jacksonville, Fla., Times-Union
April 24, 1939

Red Caps Downed By St. Louis Stars

The St. Louis Stars, one of the top teams of the American Colored League, came from behind yesterday to defeat the Red Caps, league members also, before a huge crowd. The score was 5 to 4.

The game went 11 innings and was one of the season's best played. The Stars showed plenty of hustle, and will again play the Caps tonight and tomorrow night beginning at 8:15 o'clock.

The Caps scored first in the second with a lone tally and pushed over three markers in fifth. The visitors scored two in the fourth, two in the eighth to deadlock matters, and went on to win by tallying one in the eleventh.

WOODRUFF IS STAR

He Anchors Pitt in 880 and Mile Victories—Both Set Records

N. Y. U. CAPTURES 2-MILE

North Texas and Virginia Win —30,000 See Seven Meet Standards Shattered

By ARTHUR J. DALEY
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, April 29.—The space-eating stride of Ol' John Woodruff devoured stretches of Franklin Field cinders at a prodigious rate before 30,000 awed spectators today, and Pittsburgh made Penn Relay history.

With the Olympic 800-meter champion ripping off a sizzling 220-yard leg, the Panthers won the 880-yard sprint championship and smashed the carnival record. Then, just as the sun broke through a barrier of clouds at the very end of the program, Ol' John nonchalantly strode through an 0:47.4 quarter to give Pitt the classic mile crown in the magnificent time of 3:14.8.

This was the forty-fifth Penn Relay extravaganza and in almost half a century here no college team ever has run a mile as fast as the Pittsburghers did today. Furthermore, they not only established new marks in both of their triumphs today but they shattered all precedent by winning four of the eight major championships in the two-day meet, a position of dominance never attained before in this ancient show.

Three Schoolboy Records

Yet for all of their brilliance the Panthers could not quite steal all the spotlight—although they came close to it—because the record harvest was a bumper crop. Seven marks fell today and one was equaled—two being credited to Pitt, three to schoolboys, two to colleges in minor races and one to an individual.

At the Forty-fifth Annual Penn Relays Yesterday

Times Wide World

Woodruff, Pitt, beating Nevius, Cornell, and Bogrow, N. Y. U., in half-mile relay in record time of 1:25.9

Still, the one indelible picture that the spectators took away with them was of the lean 6-foot 4-inch Negro with the nine-and-a-half-foot stride gliding over the black cinders with such grace that he scarcely seemed to be trying.

Woodruff really gave the fans a thrill on his anchor leg of the mile relay. He was touched off fifteen yards ahead of Warren Breidenbach of Michigan, which is akin to donating a dollar to the Federal Treasury. In spite of that the Wolverine climbed up Ol' John's back in the far straightaway and for a moment it looked like a race.

The Mid-Westerner cut the fifteen yards to five. Then the self-styled Ol' John stopped fooling. Like a cat with a mouse he let Breidenbach stay there until the homestretch was reached before putting on the pressure. There was no stress and no strain, just a terrific speeding up.

N. Y. U. Team Is Third

The Wolverine was anchored to the track as Woodruff regained his full fifteen-yard lead at the wire. Michigan, naturally enough, was second in 3:16.4 and N. Y. U., chiefly through a fine anchor leg by Jim Herbett, third, with Princeton and Fordham well behind.

Pitt's 3:14.8 erased from the books the 3:15.4 that Penn's wonder four of Horace Steel, Jake Edwards, Jimmy Healey and Bill Carr posted seven years ago. And the man who was almost equally responsible with Woodruff for the damage was Frank Ohl, the Panther workhorse.

Ohl ran on all four of the Pitt winning quartets. Woodruff was on three, as were Al Ferrara and Larry Tregoning. Art Thomas was on two and Clyde Graf on one. The order for the mile today was Ohl, 0:49; Ferrara, 0:49; Graf, 0:49.4, and Woodruff, 0:47.4.

It was Ohl as the lead-off man who broke up the race. He got away on top of the field of eight

[illegible] a new meet record. Some day some one is going to make the giant Negro hustle, but no one has done it on cinders so far.

Cornell was second and New York University third, with Villanova bringing up the rear. John Nevius of the Ithacans came whirling up from third place to wrest runner-up honors away from Harold Bogrow of New York.

The Rideout twins, one hale and hearty and the other limping as the result of a spike wound yesterday that required three stitches, broke the four-mile relay race into neat little pieces to win in 17:25.9, the second fastest time in the history of the meet. It had been feared for a while that North Texas State would be forced to default but Wayne staggered through a 4:16.2 mile leg to settle the issue early.

Manhattan Is Second

He handled the second leg, took off twenty-five yards behind and passed the stick forty yards in front. By the time Blaine stepped up to the line the only doubt left was the margin of Victory. Twin No. 2 unreeled a 4:13.5 effort to make it 120 yards over Manhattan with the Jaspers a similar margin over fading Michigan.

The first and third legs were run by Harvey Bryant and Jack Sahling, each of whom did 4:28.6.

When Wayne broke up the test Sahling held fast to most of his advantage to simplify things for Blaine, who didn't need too much help anyway.

The Manhattan quartet of Joe Moclair, Bob Conkling, Bob Hoolahan and Andy Neidnig stayed up all the way and did well in handling highly regarded Michigan so bad a beating. Moclair had the fastest leg with 4:25.

Up to this point in the proceedings every major championship had been won by either Pitt or North Texas. That monopoly finally was broken in the two-mile title test, although a contributing factor that deserves to be mentioned is that neither Pitt nor North Texas competed, the Panthers holding out for the mile so that there would be no chance of a slip.

Thanks to a magnificent homestretch sprint by Curtis Gidd[illegible] New York University took [illegible] miles in the excellent time [illegible] second fastest in the annals [illegible] carnival. Driving desperate

Major Winners in Relays

440 Yards—Pittsburgh.
*880 Yards—Pittsburgh.
*One Mile—Pittsburgh.
Two Miles—N. Y. U.
Four Miles—North Texas State.
*Sprint Medley—Pittsburgh.
*Distance Medley—North Texas State.
*Shuttle Hurdles—Virginia.
*Retained title.

all he had in the final fifty yards, Giddings beat back the bid of Mel Trutt of Indiana to triumph by the scant margin of two feet.

Emil von Elling's youngsters won because they had marvelous balance. Myron Bresnick did 1:57.1, Dave Urbach 1:57.2, Jim Herbert 1:56 and Giddings 1:54.7. Rarely does one find a team with such even performances.

Because of them, the New York team was in the lead at every touch, although the last one was cut so fine that Trutt beat Giddings to the pole in the first few yards. Then it was a brisk battle all the way, with Tom Jester of Michigan right up with them until the final brush. He faded although he held fast to third place. Yale was fourth. Fordham one of the favorites, merely used the race for a workout when Joe Fay failed to get up among the contenders on the first leg.

Just as every one expected, Virginia took the 480-yard shuttle hurdles relay for the second straight year because it had the best timber-topper in the meet in Frank Fuller. The Dixie combination trailed both Penn and Cornell right to the final touch.

The two Ivy League teams broke away from the barrier first, but Bill McCawley of the Quakers stumbled over the third stick and Fuller streaked to an easy victory over Eric Schwartz of Cornell by five yards. The time was 1:01.5; good but not gaudy.

Seton Hall Cubs Win

The freshman mile relay race was broken into two sections and the places allotted on a time basis. Seton Hall's combination of Larry Wolczuk, Chet Macieski, Jack Graham and Charlie Lipski took the first heat from Georgetown and Penn State in 3:24.2. The second went to N. Y. U., with Fordham and Georgetown following. The final order became Seton Hall, N. Y. U. and Fordham.

Feature of the individual events was the fleet 100 yards by Mozel Ellerbee of Tuskegee, the national collegiate champion, who streaked over the cinders to a smashing three-yard victory over Kenny Clapp of Brown in the gorgeous time of 0:09.6 to equal the carnival record.

Best of the field event performances was a hammer throw by John McLaughry, Brown football captain and son of the Bruin gridiron coach. The big fullback tossed the weight 169 feet 5 3-16 inches.

Nick Vukmanic of Penn State repeated in the javelin throw with 207 feet 3¼ inches, while Anson Perina of Princeton dethroned Bill Watson of Michigan in the broad jump at 24 feet 9¼ inches.

Dick Ganslen of Columbia took the vault at 13 feet 6 inches and Ted Leonas of Notre Dame the high jump at 6 feet 4 inches.

In the lesser relays Maryland won the Class B mile title in 3:19.3 for a meet record, while Hampton captured the teachers' college mile in 3:21.4, also a meet record.

Schoolboys Do Well

The schoolboy phase of the program contributed greatly to the record breaking. The Seton Hall two-mile combination of Carmen Bova, Frank Leary, Lou Collado and Frank Fletcher turned in a grand 7:55.8 in the two-mile prep school championship to clip the old figures by almost thirteen seconds. Long Branch won the high school division in 8:17.3—which shows the real class of the Seton Hall group.

Another superb performance was the 3:19.3 by the La Salle Military Academy foursome of Fred Sickinger, Don Carmiencke, Al Rogers and Tom Cahill in the one-mile prep school title test. La Salle scored a three-yard victory over Seton Hall. Altoona took the high school crown in 3:25.2, which was a record there.

PITT'S WOODRUFF & CO.! THEY STOLE SPOTLIGHT AT PENN RELAYS!

With long-striding Johnny Woodruff playing the lead role, Pitt's powerful relay team won top honors at the Penn Relays in Philly last week. John anchored the quartet which won the half-mile championship in the meet record time of 1:25.9 and also ran the final lap to victory in the sprint medley team. The Pitt team which won three titles, includes, left to right, Frank Ohl, Allen McKee, Al Ferrara, Clyde Graf, Art Thomas, Larry Tregonning and Woodruff.

MISSOURI 'U' STUDENTS REBEL: TRACK MEET OFF

Courier
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Pittsburgh, Pa

Notre Dame Follows Action of Wisconsin in Withdrawing After Race Athlete Is Barred.

COLUMBIA, Mo., Apr. 13—A flood of protests by students of the University of Missouri prompted Notre Dame officials to withdraw their track team from the proposed triangular meet here on April 15, including Wisconsin, Notre Dame and Missouri, and sounded the final note in the case of Ed Smith, Negro hurdler, whom Missouri demanded that Wisconsin leave home from the meet.

Wisconsin last week refused to bow to the "jim-crow" tradition of Missouri U., the school which was recently rebuked by the U. S. Supreme Court in the celebrated Lloyd Gaines case.

Branding the demand to leave Smith home as "unreasonable and undemocratic," Missouri students flayed the practice of prohibiting Negro athletes from competing on their campus, and openly demanded that the meet be called off.

Adding more heat to the fiery issue, the students organized and sent a formal request to Notre Dame asking that the Irish follow in Wisconsin's footsteps and withdraw their team.

MARKS NEW TREND IN SOUTHERN SCHOOLS

It is probably the first time in collegiate history that students of a southern school have rebelled against officials for attempting to ban Negroes from competing on their campus in athletics.

Declaring that they disapproved of barring Negroes of other schools from competing at Missouri, the students openly thrashed the policy and administrative leaders for their stand in the case.

The student reaction was an unexpected blow to Missouri authorities and places the administration in an embarrassing position.

Student leaders pointed out that their teams compete against Negroes in contests away from the campus, and that in barring them from contests at Missouri is an insult to the respective university, as well as the athlete.

Although Notre Dame gave no definite reason, it was understood that the Irish decision to withdraw was the result of a storm of letters sent by Missouri students. Observers also pointed out that Notre Dame feared public opinion and not anxious to become involved in an athletic scandal which has cast an unfavorable light upon Missouri, complied with the student requests.

Realizing that they had been "put on the spot" by Missouri students, Notre Dame officials quickly asked to be released from the contract, which had been formulated approximately a year ago.

Having no other alternative, the Missouri athletic department granted the Irish permission to withdraw.

In an exclusive story for the Pittsburgh Courier, Smith stated that he was grateful to the Wisconsin student body, his teammates and Coach Jones for the firm stand they had taken in the matter.

"I am glad that Wisconsin, a Big Ten school, would not permit Missouri to dictate its athletic policies," said the lanky Negro hurdler.

Tuskegee Grid Card Now Out

Leaderwood

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Officials of the Business Office of the Tuskegee Institute Athletic Department announced today that the Golden Tigers would play a schedule of 11 football games during the season of 1939, opening on September 23, at the Institute, with the LeMoyne College Yellow Jackets, and closing with the annual game with State Teachers College at Cramton Bowl, in Montgomery, on Thanksgiving Day.

The Tuskegee-Wilberforce game will be played at Soldier Field, in Chicago, Friday night, October 13. The Freshmen teams of Tuskegee and Morehouse will meet at the Institute on Saturday afternoon, October 28. Tuskegee is working toward establishing the three-year rule although this is not now a requirement of the Southern Conference. The complete schedule follows:

Sept. 23—Tuskegee Vs. LeMoyne at Tuskegee
Sept. 30—Tuskegee Vs. Xavier at New Orleans
Oct. 7—Tuskegee Vs. Morris Brown at Tuskegee
Oct. 13—Tuskegee Vs. Wilberforce at Chicago
Oct. 21—Tuskegee Vs. Florida at Tuskegee
Oct. 27—Tuskegee Vs. Morehouse at Columbus, Ga.
Oct. 28—Tuskegee Freshmen Vs. Morehouse Freshmen at Tuskegee
Nov. 4—Tuskegee Vs. South Carolina at Orangeburg
Nov. 11—Tuskegee Vs. Knoxville at Tuskegee
Nov. 18—Tuskegee Vs. Southern at Scotlandville
Nov. 30—Tuskegee Vs. Ala. State at Montgomery.

Drop Mo. U. Meet Due To Racial Ban On Athlete

St. Louis Argus
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St. Louis Mo

MADISON, Wis., April 4. — (Special) — The University of Wisconsin athletic department announced Tuesday that the Badger track team had been withdrawn from a meet with the Universities of Notre Dame and Missouri scheduled for April 15 in Columbia, Mo. The reason given for the action was the barring of Ed Smith, Wisconsin hurdler. Coach Tom Jones stated that the withdrawal was made by mutual agreement between Wisconsin and Missouri officials.

Earlier in the day, the Wisconsin faculty had adopted a resolution opposing participation in any intercollegiate event from which an athlete was barred because of his race. The Daily Cardinal, a student publication, also advocated withdrawal.

After passing the resolution the faculty advised withdrawing from the Missouri meet if it could be done "without breach of faith."

Clearwater, Fla. Sun
April 16, 1939

Negro Golf Today

A negro golf match this afternoon featuring Isaiah "Devil" Webb and James Clark, representing caddies of the Clearwater Country Club, versus caddies of the Jungle Club of St. Petersburg will be played there today.

Atlanta Ga. Journal
April 18, 1939

Tuskegee Wins, Morehouse 2nd

State Teachers Third in Meet

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Two-Mile Run—Beasley (Tuskegee), first; Lunceford (Tuskegee), second; Parks (Tuskegee), third; Townsend (Morehouse), fourth. Time, 11 min. 5 sec.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—Mitchell (Morehouse), first; Amos (Morehouse), second; Hughes (Alabama State), third; McBride (Tuskegee) and Roba (Alabama State), tied for fourth place. Time, 25 seconds.

One Mile Relay—Tuskegee, first (Scisco, Fretwell, Slade, Sams); Morehouse, second; Alabama State, third. Time, 3 min. 30.3 seconds.

FIELD EVENTS

Pole Vault—Canson (Tuskegee), first; Scisco (Tuskegee), and Lewis (Morehouse) tied for second place; Foston (Alabama State), fourth. Height, 11 feet.

Shot Put—Green (Tuskegee), first; Scott (Alabama State), second; Matthews (Morehouse), third; Taylor (Alabama State), fourth. Distance, 41 ft. 7 in.

Javelin Throw—McBride (Tuskegee), first; Taylor (Alabama State), second; Lewis (Morehouse), third; Rowe (Alabama State), fourth. Distance, 162 feet 1 inch.

High Jump—Lewis (Morehouse), first; Tarrant (Alabama State), second; Farrell (Alabama State), third; Scisco (Tuskegee), fourth. Height, 6 ft. 3¼ in.

Discus Throw—Taylor (Alabama State), first; Battle (Tuskegee), second; Foston (Alabama State), third; Matthews (Morehouse), fourth. Distance, 110 ft.

Broad Jump—Amos (Morehouse), first; Mitchell (Morehouse), second; Canson (Tuskegee), third; Simms (Tuskegee), fourth. Distance, 20 ft. 8¼ inches.

Raleigh, N. C., News & Observer
April 7, 1939

WISCONSIN CALLS FOR MEET WITH MISSOURI

Columbia, Mo., April 6.—(U.P.)—Don Faurot, University of Missouri athletic director, today said he considered "closed" a controversy with the University of Wisconsin which sought to enter a Negro hurdler, Ed Smith, in a track meet between the schools.

Wisconsin withdrew from the triangular meet, scheduled at Columbia on April 15 with Notre Dame as the third participating school.

Coach Tom Jones of the Wisconsin team said the decision reached was "perfectly agreeable to both sides."

Faurot said Wisconsin had withdrawn "due to a conflict in policy concerning the competition of Negroes in athletic contests."

"Competition between the white and Negro races has never been permitted at the University of Missouri, and it is felt that no deviation from this policy should be made," Faurot said.

Wisconsin athletic board and faculty passed a resolution "opposing the engagement of a university athletic team in an intercollegiate contest in which any member of the team is barred because of his race."

The Missouri institution has barred Negro students from its enrollment and has not played against schools in which Negroes were members of the competing teams.

Last fall, the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the right of Lloyd L. Gaines, 28, St. Louis Negro, to enter the Missouri School of Law. The school previously had denied him enrollment on the grounds that the constituion, laws, and public policy of the State, forbade them to do so.

Orlando, Fla., Morning Sentinel
April 14, 1939

LARGE CROWD WILL SEE TILT

Homestead Grays Vs. Jacksonville Nine

The Homestead Grays, champions of the negro National League, will play their final Spring training exhibition game here tonight when they clash with the Jacksonville Red Caps at Tinker Field. The game will be called at 8:15.

The Red Caps have been purchased by Cleveland interests and will be known as the Cleveland Bears in the negro league this year.

This week at Jacksonville the Grays and Red Caps played a two-game series with Hamestead winning the first contest by the score of 4 to 0 and the Jacksonville club came back to take the second 2 to 1.

So tonight they will play off the series.

STRONG TEAM

The Red Caps are rated as the strongest negro team in the South and proved this when they defeated the Grays.

Last week Homestead defeated the Newark Eagles here before approximately 1,200 spectators and another large crowd will turn out tonight to see the crack negro clubs battle.

The game is being sponsored by the Inter-Racial Committee of Orlando.

Admission will be 40 cents.

The grandstand will be roped off to take care of both white and negro fans.

John Ganzel, manager of the Orlando Senators, and Ike Cowart, Florida State League umpire, will do the officiating with Cowart behind the plate and Ganzel on the bases.

Memphis, Tenn., Commercial Appeal
April 15, 1939

NEGRO CHAMPS CROWNED

Big Crowd Watches TriState Boxing Finals

A packed house watched the finals of the Negro TriState Amateur Boxing Associations tournament last night at Church Park that saw the crowning of the champions for 1939. Harry Cash was in charge and said the meet was the most succesful in the history of the Association.

Results:

Antweight: James Thomas, Elks, defeated Edward Rolins, Klondike, decision; Skeeterweight: Cassell Tate, Grant, defeated Will Bell, Greenwood, decision; Tissuepaper: Robert Mays, Elks, defeated Willie Hindman, Elks, decision; Paperweight: Henry Jones, Virginia, defeated A. D. Miller, Kort. Int., decision; Flyweight: Charles Cox, Manassas, defeated S. J. Sanders, Grant, decision; Bantamweight: Whit Little, Elks, defeated James Scott, Magnolia, default; Featherweight: James Ross, Elks, defeated Boyd Jones, Kort. Int., knockout; Lightweight: Albert Harris, Manassas, defeated Johnnie B. Otis, Elks, knockout; Welterweight: Lynch Travis, Jr., Greenwood, defeated B. T. Henderson, Manassas, decision; Middleweight: Marvin Johnson, Boker T. Washington, defeated George Lightfoot, Grant, decision; Light heavyweight: Archie Smith, Elks, defeated Cecil Johnson, Arkansas, default; Heavyweight: Lowell Strong, Hughes, Ark., defeated Artee Strong, unattached, knockout.

Daytona Beach, Fla. News
April 21, 1939

DECATHLON TO OPEN AT KAN.

Nebraska and Tuskegee Athletes Have The Best Records

LAWRENCE, Kas., April 21 —(AP)—The University of Kansas decathlon—where Jim Bausch and Glenn Morris started their climb to Olympic fame and Hollywood cash—gets underway today as the opening feature of the seventeenth annual relay carnival.

Bausch was a recognized athlete when he won the title in 1932 and then went on to the Olympic Laurel Wreath at Los Angeles the same summer. Morris was an auto salesman in Fort Collins, Colo., when he shattered Bausch's mark here in 1936 and then traveled to Berlin where he established a world record.

Both took a fling at Hollywood, Morris as Tarzan, the tree yodeling strongman, in a picture with Olympic Mermaid Eleanor Holm.

Four years before Bausch's victories, Tom Churchill of Oklahoma reversed the process . He went to Amsterdam as a member of the U. S. team in 1928 and came here the next year to triumph.

Today's entry list is devoid of big names. But so was the 1936 list — and it produced Morris.

E. Lee Todd of Imperial, Neb., third place winner in 1938, and Allen Sisco of Tuskegee institute, who won a like spot in the National A. A. U. grind, have the best records of the 15 ironmen entered.

Selma, Ala., Times Journal
April 23, 1939

NEGRO TEAMS TO GO UNDER ARCS

Homestead Greys, Black Crackers Will Clash At Rowell Field

Local baseball fans will get something different Friday night when the Homestead Greys, national negro champions and members of the National Colored League, clash here under the Rowell Field arcs with the Atlanta Black Crackers, title-holders in the Negro Southern League.

Outstanding Catcher

Under the direction of Nat Green, local colored sports promoter, the game will be one of the highlights of the baseball season with some of the more famous negro players showing before both white and colored fans of this city. Manager Vic Harris, skipper of the Homesteads, has probably the most outstanding negro catchers in the game backstopping for the Greys and sports writers over the country label Josh Gibson as worth thousands of dollars to the major league clubs were he white. Gibson leads the National Negro league in home runs and is one of the more colorful performers in the game.

Crackers Good, Too

The Atlanta Black Crackers, Southern League team, also boasts a contending club and will oppose the Greys here in the first exhibition of its kind in many seasons. The game is called for 8:15 o'clock under the Rowell arcs and seating arrangements for white and colored fans will continue as of the regular Leaf schedule.

SPORTS-1939

Xavier Cops PrairieView Relays, Shattering Eight Old Marks

Nineteen Records Smashed by Athletes From Sixteen Colleges; Richard Cohen Upset in Tennis, 6-4, 0-6, 6-3, 9-7

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, April 9.—(SNS)—Mozelle Ellerbe of Tuskegee displayed championship form here Saturday in the Ninth Annual P. V. Relays to outclass a field of top notch sprinters and set a new record in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

Track dopers who watched Ealy of Tillotson, Pickett of P. V. and Hicks of Xavier in the qualifying heats predicted that Ellerbe would be forced to break his own records of 10:2 seconds in the 100 and 22:7 in the 22 to retain his sprint championship.

Pushed by Hicks and Wilson of Xavier in the 100, Ellerbe breezed to the tape in 9:8 seconds, four-tenths of a second better than the mark which he formerly set in the Prairie Relays and three-tenths of a second slower than the time in which he won the Drake 100 yard dash last year.

Aided by a slight wind, the flashy sprinter dispelled all doubt concerning his track supremacy a few minutes later when he leaped out in front in the 220 and broke the tape in 21:1 seconds. Pickett of Prairie View, who was favored to upset the champion, came in second, trailing Ellerbe by five yards.

XAVIER WINS RELAYS

Showing complete disregard for old records, athletes from 16 colleges broke an amazing total of 19 marks in track and field events. Xavier with a host of stormers accounted for 8 of the records that fell.

The Xavier 440 relay team composed of Woods, Wilson, Hicks, and Bellizaire clipped four-tenths of a second off the old record as Bellizaire, who was given a tremendous lead by his teammates, virtually glided into the tape to set a new mark of 42:6 seconds. Xavier also set a new record of 8:18 seconds in the two - mile relay and fell six-tenth of a second short of copping the 880 yard relay mark of 1:29.4 which the Gold Rush team of Woods, Wilson, Brown and Miles set last year.

The mile relay, feature event of the meet, revealed the absence of Fay Young, sportsman and columnist of the Chicago Defender who is customarily present at the Prairie View Relays to present the beautiful trophy which he donates to the winner of this event each year. The team winning the trophy for three consecutive years becomes the permanent po[illegible].

Having won the coveted prize for the past two years, Prairie View trained every muscle and fibre to retain this valuable award, but Tuskegee with a team made up of Fredwell, Slade, Sams and Ellerbe romped away with the trophy and the record. The new time was 3:26.7.

New records were made in the 100 yard dash, 120 yard high hurdles, 220 yard low hurdle, 220 yard dash, running high jump, running broad jump, pole vault, discus throw, 440 yard run, 880 yard run, javelin throw, 440 yard relay, mile relay, 2 mile relay, women's 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 440 yard relay, shot put and baseball throw.

"Joe Louis" Williams of Xavier with a 49 foot 3 inch heave, fell short of the mark which he made last year in the shot put.

Farmer of Xavier, soaring to a new height of 12 ft. 9 inches in the pole vault, exhibited rare form and showed promise of clearing the bar better than 13 feet before the season closes. Holmes of Tillotson and Carter of Prairie View, tied for second place.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

Coach Christine Evans Petty's Tuskegee girls again dominated the feminine division of the Prairie View Relays and Tennis Tournament, winning first place in seven of the eight scheduled events and breaking four of the records which they set in last year's meet.

The speedy 440 relay team that has never been defeated was pushed to a new meet record of 51 seconds by Cole, Premo, Johnson and Neal of Prairie View.

Louise Neal, Scuthwest 50 yard dash champion, who won this event here and at Tuskegee last year was defeated by C. Birge of Tuskegee in the remarkable time of 6.5 seconds.

Wells of Austin, Qualls of B. T. Washington, Dallas, and Smith of Paris made the most outstanding showing on the Class AA high school meet. Wells won the 100 Morrow, Xavier. Time 24.7. (Meet record 26.2).

220-yard dash —Ellerbe, Tuskegee; Pickett, Prairie View; Miller, Louisiana Normal. Time 21.1. (Meet record 22.7).

Running high jump—Williamson, Xavier; 6 feet 6 inches; Tarrant, Alabama State, 6 feet 4 inches; Smith, Alabama State, 6 feet. (Meet record 6.5½)

Running broad jump—Bladkett, Xavier; Dyer, Wiley; Lundy, Alabama State. Distance 22 feet, 8 inches. (Meet record 20 feet 10 inches.)

Pole Vault — Farmer, Xavier; Holmes, Tillotson ,and Carter of Prairie View tied for second place; Holmes won toss for second Height 12 feet 9 inches (Meet record 12 feet).

Shot put — Williams, Xavier; Green, Tuskegee; Scott, Alabama State.. Distance 48 feet 3inches.

Discus throw —Williams, Xavier; Turner, Xavier; Oubre, Dillard. Distance 137 feet 1 inch. (Meet record 135 feet 11 inches),

440 yard run— Baker, Xavier Slade, Tuskegee; Walker,, Dillard. Time 51.4. (Meet record 53.2.)

yard dash in 10.5 seconds and outdistanced his closest rival by three yards to win the 220 in 23.1 seconds, only two seconds slower than the time set by Ellerbe in the collegiate division. Qualls won the 220 low hurdles and placed second in the running broad jump. Smith equalled the collegiate mark of 51.4 seconds in the 440 yard run.

NATIONAL COLLEGE CHAMP UPSET

Jimmie McDaniels of Xavier, Pacific Coast and Southern California tennis champion, rose to greater heights when he defeated his room and team mate, Richard Cohen, national intercollegiate champion in the finals of the Southwestern Intercollegiate Tournament, 6-4, 0-6 6-3, 9-7. McDaniels and Cohen defeated Russell and Hampton of Tuskegee in the doubles 6-4, 0-6, 6-3 to sweep the men's events.

In the women's singles, fans witnessed a strictly family affair as Margaret Peters defeated her sister, Roumania Peters, 6-4, 5-7, 6-1 to win the women's crown for the second consecutive year. Both girls are from Tuskegee.

Margaret and Roumania teamed up to defeat Pendleton and Hatchett of Tilotson 6-2, 6-0 in the women's doubles.

RELAY SUMMARIES

100-yard dash—Ellerbe, Tuskegee; Hicks, Xavier; Wilson, Xavier Time 9:8 (Meet record 10.2)

120-yard high hurdles —Farrow, Xavier; Foster, Alabama State; Morrow, Xavier. Time 15.8. (Meet record 16).

220-Yard low hurdles —Farrow, Xavier; Hughes, Alabama State;

880-yard run—Holland, Prairie View; Collins, Samuel Houston; Williams, Mary Allen. Time 2.3.8 (Meet record 2:05).

Mile run — Culp, Xavier; Sams, Tuskegee; Bolden, Xavier, Time 5:6.4.

Javelin throw—Williamson, Xavier; Turner,, Xavier, Oubre, Dillard. Distance 181 feet. (Meet record 155 feet 6 inches).

440-yard relay—Xavier (Woods Wilson, Hicks, Bellizaire; Prairie View; Alabama State. Time 42.6 (Meet record 43)

880-Yard relay.—Xavier, (Woods, Wilson, Thomas, Bellizarie); Alabama State,, Tillotson Time 1:30

Scisco To Run In Kansas Meet

4-23-39

TUSKEGEE, Ala., April 20—Allen Scisco, Tuskegee senior third place winner in last year's National A. A. U. decathlon championship, has been invited to take part in this event at the Kansas Relays. Ellerbe and Scisco left for Kansas on Tuesday, April 18. They were accompanied by Track Coach William O'Shields. Both boys are exepected to give a good account of themselves in the meet. The champion of the Drake Relays for 1938, Mozell Ellerbe, Tuskegee junior, and also the N. C. A. A. champion in the 100-yard dash, will compete in the Kansas Relays which will be held at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22.

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4-23-39

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Lem Franklin Loses Close Fight To Tony Musto

2-23-39

Lem Franklin, the Cleveland pulverizer, had a splendid chance to blast Tony Musto from the No. 10 spot in the world heavyweight picture before 8,219 spectators at the Coliseum Thursday night but instead lost a close decision to the white boy in 10 rounds.

Franklin started out to make short work of his roly-poly but tough opponent, rushing him to the ropes and punishing him with rights and lefts. Musto covered up without retaliation, causing Referee Behr to stop the bout and ask the white boy, "Do you want to fight?" Musto then started throwing punches. Big Lem kept banging away at Tony through the second and part of the third, but slowed down after hurting his right hand on Musto's skull. From the sixth on both were so tired that the match proved uninteresting.

Henry Wacker and Paul Hartnek, white, battled to a 10 round draw. Hartnek is the heavyweight who defeated Franklin for the Golden Gloves title two years ago, and Wacker suffered the first defeat of his professional career recently at the hands of Musto by decision.

CINCY FIGHTER KING OF A. A. U. WELTERWEIGHT

4-23-39

Ezzard Charles Beats Bolden

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20—Ezzard Charles, the Cincinnati welterweight who won the Golden Gloves championship in Chicago and failed to return to fight against the New York champions in the intercity bouts, won the national A. A. U. welterweight title here Friday night by whipping Leroy Bolden of St. Louis in three rounds. Prior to that, Charles won his semi-final bout by defeating James Toney of Detroit.

Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland's 20-year-old light heavyweight, who was born in Marietta, Ga., knocked out Pat Devine of Cambridge, Mass., in the first round and then stopped Herman West of St. Louis in the second round of the final bout for the national title.

Johnny Pleasant, Chicago Golden Gloves champion and intercity lightweight champion, was eliminated in the quarter-finals by Frank Fernandez of Honolulu in three rounds. Willie Moon, C. Y. O. champion in the 112-pound class and alternate winner in the inter-city bouts in Chicago, was eliminated in the early rounds.

TUSKEGEE TIGERS WIN ANNUAL TRACK EVENT

Leads Morehouse By 7 Points

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880 Yard Run — Car (Morehouse) first; Reid (Alabama State) second; Fee (Morehouse) third; Parks (Tuskegee) fourth. Time 2 min. 6.1 sec.

220 Yard Dash—Ellerbe (Tuskegee) first; Gordon (Alabama State) second; Smith (Alabama State) third; Carter (Morehouse) fourth. Time 21.5 sec.

Two Mile Run—Beasley (Tuskegee) first; Lunceford (Tuskegee) second; Parks (Tuskegee) third; Townsend (Morehouse) fourth. Time 11 min. 5 sec.

220 Yard Low Hurdles — Mitchell (Morehouse) first; Amos (Morehouse) second; Hughes (Alabama State) third; McBride (Tuskegee) and Roba (Alabama State) tied for fourth place. Time 25 sec.

One Mile Relay—Tuskegee first (Scisco, Fretwell, Slade, Sams) Morehouse, second; Alabama State, third. Time 3 min., 30.3 sec.

FIELD EVENTS

Pole Vault—Canson (Tuskegee) first; Scisco (Tuskegee) and Lewis (Morehouse) tied for second place; Foston (Alabama State) fourth. Height 11 feet.

Shot Put — Green (Tuskegee) first; Scott (Alabama State) second; Matthews (Morehouse) third; Taylor (Alabama State) fourth. Distance 41 feet, 7 in.

Javelin Throw—McBride (Tuskegee) first; Taylor (Alabama State) second; Lewis (Morehouse) third; Rowe (Alabama State) fourth. Distance 162 feet, 1 in.

High jump—Lewis (Morehouse) first; Tarrant (Alabama State) second; Farrell (Alabama State) third; Scisco (Tuskegee) fourth. Height 6 feet, 3-4 in.

Discus Throw—Taylor (Alabama State) first; Battle (Tuskegee) second; Foston (Alabama State) third; Matthews (Morehouse) fourth. Distance 110 feet.

Broad Jump — Amos (Morehouse) first; Mitchell (Morehouse) second; Canson (Tuskegee) third; Simms (Tuskegee) fourth. Distance 20 feet, 8 1-4 in.

ENID, OKLA., NEWS
APR 20, 1939 M3

MICHIGAN DASH STAR WILL OPPOSE NEGRO

LAWRENCE, Kas., April 19—(AP—Wilbur Greer, the partly bald clarinet tooting sprinter from Michigan state, comes to his marks a fifth time against Mozell Ellerbe, slope-shouldered negro from Alabama's Tuskegee Institute, in the 100-yard dash Saturday at the Kansas relays.

Each holds two decisions from last year's campaigning with the negro wearing the national collegiate and Drake Relay crowns. The chunky Greer won the Central Intercollegiate conference title at Milwaukee and inched out Ellerbe for second place in the 100 meters behind Ben Johnson's :10.7 at the National A. A. U. at Buffalo.

Competing alonside Greer and Ellerbe will be Fred Wolcott, the Rice hurdling phenomena; E. Y. Steakley, another Rice ace who finished fourth here a year ago; Myron Piker of Northwestern, Big Ten indoor champion; and Eddie Toribio of Oklahoma, the Big Six's two-time indoor king.

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Los Angeles, Cal., Examiner
JUNE 14, 1939

A Few Remarks From the Gallery

Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee Institute's N. C. 2-A 100-yard dash champion, is a first-class judge of livestock. . . . Fred Wolcott, Rice Institute's champion in the 220-lows and 120-highs, has never lost a low hurdle race, lost only once in the highs—and that was a fluke defeat. He hit the fifth hurdle, fell to his knees, but took off from there to finish second, by inches, to Patterson, also of Rice. . . . Wilbur Hutsell brings two Alabama Poly world's champions here.—Weems Baskin, who held the record of 14.2 ten years ago, and Percy Beard, who cut it down to 14.1. Haskin later went to coaching at Georgia and turned out a mighty presentable product in—Forrest (Spec) Towns. All Towns did was set the existing record of 13.7 at Oslo, after the Olympic Games. . . . Clipper Smith, who uses only words of three syllables for that pep talk to Villanova football players, is sunning himself at Laguna Beach, according to Charley Erb, Andy Smith's greatest quarterback, and now the "Information Kid" for Jack Mackenzie at Hollywood Park.

Knoxville, Tenn., Journal
June 25, 1939

Giants Will Play 2 Games With Cubs

The Knoxville Giants, having suffered but one defeat this season, will lay their record on the block against Greeneville's Negro Cubs this afternoon in a double-header baseball game.

Leslie Street park will be the place, and the first game will star at 2 o'clock.

New men have worked out this week, and should strengthen the team considerably.

Several hundred fans can be comfortably seated, and the Giants expect a large crowd.

Birmingham, Ala. News
July 2, 1939

SPORTS

There'll Be More Games Tuesday Than You Can Shake A Stick At

BY JACK HOUSE

Youthful America may and may not be becoming more diversified in the world of sports. Softball may be taking some of baseball's play, and badminton, tennis and swimming may be gaining in Summer popularity, but, nonetheless, there'll be more baseball games in Alabama Tuesday (the Fourth) than you can shake a stick at.

One manager was very much alarmed a couple of weeks ago because he hadn't been able to find an opponent to play his team at home on the Fourth. He let it be known and got so many prospective foes he'll not run out of opposition for 25 years to come.

He had to weed 'em out and pick the one he wanted most. It would be impossible to mention every game that will be played in towns over the state Tuesday, morning, afternoon and night ,but if you're going anywhere at all, chances are you'll run right into a game somewhere. So don't stay home Tuesday for fear you won't see a baseball game. The woods will be full of them.

Lula Hymes, Tuskegee's outstanding Negro girl athlete, has been invited to be the guest of Hilda Tarkiainen, of Finland, when and if she accompanies the American Olympic team there in 1940. . . .

Johnny Spurlock, son of Mayor Spurlock, of Attalla, has joined the Troy team in the Ala.-Fla. League. . . . Joe Agee became manager of McKeesport hardly before the ink on his Vandy diploma had dried. . . . Dave Long has planned a big party Tuesday at Bemiston, when Shannon, Ga., plays his team. . . . Will Dunn, of Grove Hill, is having a 40-pound cavalla which he landed on a fishing party to the gulf mounted. . . . Alabama's state girls championship softball team, the Woco Peppers, were defeated by the West End team of Tuscaloosa Thursday night, 2-1. . . . Gadsden will stage one of those "streamlined" games July 12, when all horseplay will be eliminated.

Bristol, Va., Herald-Courier
June 28, 1939

LOUIS WIRES GREETINGS TO COLORED CONFERENCE

RICHMOND, Va., June 27. (AP)—Joe Louis, world's heavyweight boxing champion, was sorry he couldn't attend the annual conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, but he had a previous engagement.

"Greetings of good luck and success," he wired the conference, which opened here today, "Regret that I cannot be with you. Have a very important engagement with one Tony Galento Wednesday night."

Tells Effect of 'Daily' Spread Against Discrimination on Upstate Ball Fans

Pleasant Valley,
New York.
July 20th—

Lester Rodney
Sports Editor, Daily Worker.

Dear Lester:

I'm dropping off this letter because I just couldn't help myself. After three weeks, yesterday was the first time I saw the "Daily" and what greeted my eye but that wonderful stuff on Negro players. You just can't use superlatives to describe the effect it had on myself and on the people I showed it to. The response was the best I've seen on the question of lifting the Jim-Crow practice in the game today.

I was meandering through the northern part of the state when I was picked up by a guy who had a "Daily" on the seat of his car. Not having seen the paper for so long I practically wore the print off the paper, just consuming every letter. When he dropped me off I asked him if it would be all right to keep the paper, to which he gladly nodded a "yes."

It was getting late, so I stopped off at a road-house to get some grub and a drink—and maybe a lift from a truckdriver. There seemed to be a mob of them there then, and the main topic at the time of my entry under discussion was Chiozza's broken leg, the Dodgers and night baseball. Soon with a few seemingly inane questions and quips the general tone of the topic was shifted to the Negro ban—and then kiddo, YOU SHOULD HAVE SEEN THE EFFECT OF THAT CINCINNATI SPREAD. It was simply marvelous. I'm not much of a talker, but the quotes and facts were there and I didn't have to say very much. You can rest peaceably, for, when I left the place, there was no paper for me to take . . . the boys took care of it.

A few more spreads like that and I'm almost positive that 1939 will mark more than just the celebration of Baseball's 100th Anniversary. It looks like we're entering a new era—an era of greater democracy in baseball . . . and in other sports.

GENE RALEIGH.

And Everybody Signed Those Petitions to End Jim Crow

Stadium Crowd at Negro Games Cheers Announcement—Players Praise 'Daily'—Randolph Says 'Fight Is Being Won'

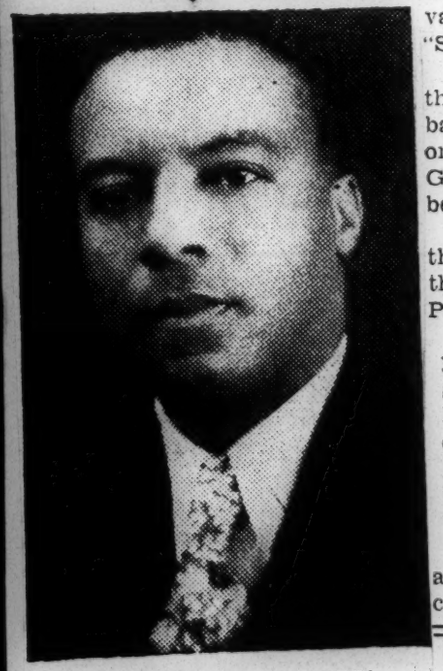
By Lester Rodney

This isn't a story of the actual game details. The Homestead Grays beat the Philadelphia All-Stars 11-2 in the opener, and I don't know how the second game finished as I write this.

There was something much more than the immediate games yesterday at the Yankee Stadium. There was the talk in the air about the big league players and Manager Bill McKechnie of Cincinnati's statements that Negro players should be in the big leagues.

Outside the Stadium the fans coming in swarmed around the placards put up by members of the James Ashford Branch of the Young Communist League, placards bearing the sports pages of the Daily and Sunday Worker with the articles blasting Jim Crow. "Do you want to see Negro players in the big leagues? Sign these petitions," the YCL'ers called out, and how they signed 'em! Thousands inside of the half hour I watched. Copies go to big league officials and club magnates.

Negro Leader Signs Petition, Congratulates 'Daily'



A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

Inside—the members of the Homestead Grays look over the Daily Worker in their dugout and comment enthusiastically. Josh Gibson signs a petition with a smile. "Like to get up there," says the good looking young "Babe Ruth" of the Negro Leagues. Ray Brown, pitcher who trimmed the Giants in Cuba, and who even Bill Terry admits is great, says he lives in the same small Pennsylvania town as Bil McKechnie. "Swell man, that McKechnie."

James W. Ford, Negro leader of the Communist Party, and an ex-ball player himself of more than ordinary ability, shakes hands with Gibson and wishes him an early berth with a big league team.

A. Philip Randolph, president of the National Negro Congress and the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, in a front box, says.

"That's a wonderful campaign your paper is carrying on, and it's getting results. I was more than happy to sign a petition as I came in. You're doing a great job. We'll have Negro players in there in a year or two from the way it's going now!"

On the field the teams put up a great brand of ball as the crowd cheers. The Homestead team, League champions, are too much for the Phillies. Gibson is walked three times as the Philly pitcher is too careful to keep it away from him. On his first official time at bat he cracks one 400 feet to dead center where the Philly outfielder takes it. I ower plus, and what a master behind the plate!

Buck Leonard, a first baseman who belongs, makes a stop that would bring down the house in any major league park. . . . Jim West, graceful and sure . . . all playing the game to the hilt . . . rightfielder Parnell races over the foul line and makes a miraculous gloved hand stab of the ball as he crashed into the boxes . . . great hand . . . Philly player starts to steal second . . . Gibson's quick, powerful throw catches him fifteen feet off second and he turns around and is caught in a runup. . . .

ERROR IN JAMES W. FORD'S STATEMENT

In Saturday's Daily Worker there was a statement by James W. Ford on the fight to end discrimination in the major leagues. Due to an error in the composing room another story was mixed in with it. Sorry.

Lula Hymes, Tuskegee Track Girls Prepare To Defend Championship

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — Members of Tuskegee's world famous women's track and field team have been working out daily in the Alumni Bowl getting in condition to go to Waterbury, Conn., late in August where they will defend their National A. A. U. senior women's track and field championships the first week in September which they have won for the last two years. The Tuskegee thinly clad lassies first won the National title at Trenton, New Jersey, in 1937, and repeated at Naugatuck, Connecticut, last year.

In this meet Lula Hymes, Tuskegee's greatest feminine star, copped major honors in the championships. She won the broad jump for the second consecutive year, captured the 100 metre dash, dethroning Clara Isicson, of Long Island University, and ran the anchor leg on the 400 metre championship relay team. She was voted the outstanding individual athlete of the meet and received a beautiful loving cup, symbolic of the honor, from the Connecticut A. A. U. authorities.

The nearest approach to Miss Hymes in the meet was the record by Miss Catherine Fellmeth, representing Dvorak Park Athletic Club who was spectacular as she annexed the shot put and discus events.

ARMSTRONG WEAK AT WEIGHT, LOSES TITLE TO AMBERS

By RANDY DIXON
Staff Correspondent

RINGSIDE, YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, Aug. 22—The dynasty of Henry Armstrong came to an end here tonight under blinking stars and amid a setting of hysteria that blase Gotham has seldom witnessed.

It ended in a welter of blood. Gushing red blood that dripped from cut eyes and lacerated lips.

It ended with Armstrong blinded by his own bewilderment and shackled by his own astonishment as Ambers met his pace throughout the full 15 rounds.

The men in ermine nodded to Lou and the Herkimer Hurricane, with one bold stroke, had accomplished the enviable feat of becoming the first gladiator to penetrate Armstrong's run of triumphs since Hank emerged from the coast breadlines and won three world championships.

And the nod of the ermine-cloaked was more correct than anything else. Henry had suffered the loss of five rounds when Referee Arthur Donovan decreed his pokes were south of the line.

The concensus was that of the other ten sessions, six of them were won by Lou and the remaining four by Hank.

It was a fading Armstrong who saw one of his coveted baubles slip from him. Only twice during the course of the struggle was he the Hank of old. In the fourth he fired a fusillade of violent raps that rocked Ambers and had him on Queer street for a brief moment. Again in the 13th Hank was Hellsapoppin.

Armstrong came in at 135, even, to Ambers 134½, and looked wan and drawn. From the first round it was evident that the old spark was missing. Countless warfare had taken its toll, and for tonight at least, Hank was in for a bad evening. Most of the 29,088 (official count) onlookers held a similar thought.

HENRY WINS FIRST, AMBERS NEXT TWO

Ambers took the play right away from Henry immediately after the opening gong.

However, towards the close of the round Armstrong rifled a long left to Lou's chewers and Lou rocked a bit. He rocketed a right and Lou went back on his haunches. The belated flurry gave Henry the round.

Both the second and the third went to the Herkimer pretender. Ambers repeatedly caught Hank coming in with lefts and even at infighting, Henry's main forte, Lou was the master of the moment. It was clearly visible that Hank was off key by now and when a nasty gash appeared over his right eye, the outlook assumed an even more dismal hue.

When Henry came out for the fourth he must have sensed the status quo. He punched Ambers with such venom that the pulse must have pounded harder in Lou's battered ears than the waves of sound from the throngs, spurring on those two actors in a drama of blood and thunder.

Hank opened a gash on Lou's eye. He puffed out Lou's mouth. He hit Lou so hard in the stomach that a dent stayed there for enough time for all to see.

And then a right under the heart that pitched Lou forward. He staggered into the ropes and then turned away by slipping under the onrushing Henry in a deft maneuver, but paid for his trickery by slipping to the canvas. The gallery Gods thought it was a knockdown.

BOTH STOP FIGHTING BEFORE THE ROUND ENDS

Then came one of the most dramatic seconds of the night.

Bells must have been ringing in both fighters' ears for they both stopped flinging fists and started to walk to their corners although 20 seconds were still left. They were hustled back and the respite seemed to favor Lou.

Armstrong maintained this same destructive tempo until halfway through the fifth when a low blow he accidentally delivered seemed to enrage both Ambers and Referee Donovan.

The sixth was comparatively tame but in the seventh Ambers mashed in Hank's face and bruised his features and brought blood from eye and lip with an orgy of deft lefts.

Don't get the impression it was one-sided. It was anything but that. It was more the element of surprise—surprise at Ambers' stand and surprise at Armstrong looking like a walking delegate from an encounter with a hatchet man.

And so it went for most of the remaining rounds. Armstrong bleeding and beaten to the punch but fighting every inch of the way. Fighting and pummeling and punching Ambers and then getting pummeled and punched.

TRIED FOR K. O. IN LATE ROUNDS; NO GO

With the knowledge that he had lost five rounds on low blows by the time the 13th had been reached, it began to dawn that only a knockout would save the nigh for Henry. He tried for the kayo but the fates said NO.

They smirked at the rights he crossed on Lou's jaw and the lefts that staggered Lou.

And then Ambers came back strong. Fought like a tiger and they gave him the nod. Most thought he deserved it. But perhaps Eddie Meade will tell you that his prize chattel won.

Meade was a rankled individual and Armstrong's manager didn't hesitate to give "Ref" Donovan a bit of accented profanity on what he thought Donovan had done to his boy.

And so—like John Henry Lewis walked the plank—Henry Armstrong's turn came tonight. His crown slipped away in little chunks.

It was close, too close! But the flame of immortality can't burn forever, and Henry will never know whether the cheers of the multitude at the finish were for Ambers, the king recrowned, or for the thunderous battle he himself had waged.

UNITED PRESS GIVES HENRY 7 ROUNDS, AMBERS 6 . . . 2 EVEN!

NEW YORK, Aug. 24—Despite the fact that Hammering Henry Armstrong lost five rounds by low blows, the United Press reporter at the ringside gave Armstrong seven rounds . . . the first, fourth, seventh, tenth, twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth. Ambers won the second, fifth, eighth, ninth, eleventh and fifteenth, with the third and sixth even.

"THEY DONE HIM WRONG."

Armstrong - Ambers Mixup !

Eddie Mead, manager of Henry rmstrong, made complaint to New York State Athletic Commissioners, bu they "paid it no mind." His five points against referee Donovan:

(1)—That the arbiter "deliberately" stood behind Ambers throughout the fight, "watching every move Armstrong made," which put him in a position where he could not see puches Ambers threw.

(2)—That Armstrong was not permitted to punch when he backed Ambers into the ropes or in a corner and was swinging with both hands free.

(3)—Why Donovan's pre-fight instructions should have sounded, Mead said, "like a deliberate threat to Armstrong." Donovan looked directly at Armstrong, Mead explained, and said "if there's any low punching in here tonight the round will be taken away from you." "When I asked," Mead went on, "what about the thumb and the back of the wrist, I was told 'I know the rules and I'll take care of that.'"

(4)—That Donovan "was prejudiced against Armstrong."

(5)—Why motion pictures of the fight showed that questionable punches were delivered in only two of the five rounds taken away from Armstrong.

"If Arthur Donovan refereed a good fight the other night," Mead concluded, "he is incompetent. I would like this commission to reverse the decision on the fight."

Suspends Mead for Charging Armstrong Was Given Works

By Stan Kurman

The accused sat as judge and jury yesterday, found themselves innocent—then plastered a penalty on the accuser.

General John Phelan, Bill Brown and D. Walker Wear of the State Boxing Commission were the gents who held court to sift charges directly involving them, by Manager Eddie Mead that Henry Armstrong had been jobbed out of the lightweight title which he lost to Lou Ambers at the Yankee Stadium last week.

Mead brought out three specific charges against referee Arthur Donovan, who as third man in the ring took five rounds away from Armstrong for low punches. The Commission completely exonerated Donovan and suspended Mead for a period of a year and a month for "actions detrimental to boxing." Al Weill, Ambers' pilot, has been conducting a running squabble with Mead ever since the fight was arranged, was suspended for four months for the same reason.

Both suspensions will be lifted temporarily thirty days prior to the third meeting between Armstrong and Ambers, set for Nov. 2 as a welter title test. The suspensions will go back in effect immediately after the fight.

Mead's charges against Donovan were:

1—When the boys met in the center of the ring to get last-minute instructions, Donovan warned Armstrong against low-punching but failed to caution Ambers.

2—Donovan parted the fighters several times when Armstrong was getting the best of the action inside.

3—Donovan had orders to call fouls against Henry.

Testifying under oath, Mead backed down on a dressing-room statement that Commissioner Bill Brown had said that Armstrong would lose six rounds on fouls.

"I heard that statement from a friend," said Meda. "Bill Brown is a perfect gentleman."

Donovan testified that Mead's charges "just ain't so." Both Donovan and Frank Fullam, one of the judges in the fight, denied that they had been given private instructions.

Boxing-writer Lester Bromberg refused to testify on stories that he had written charging that Donovan had been given separate instructions by General Phelan and that Fullam was a last-minute nominee as judge.

So the judge and jury whitewashed the charges against themselves and punished the accuser. It's silly to think that they really got at the heart of the mess. Mead naturally would not say anything detrimental to the Commission under the circumstances. There should be a higher state body to investigate such charges.

ARMSTRONG GOT A RAW DEAL

By LESTER RODNEY (For CNA)

Out of the welter of accusations of "fix", denials and general bad taste followed the second Armstrong-Ambers fight, one thing is clear and has to be said—Armstrong got a bad deal.

When two little fighters like Armstrong and Ambers lock together for fifteen bruising rounds of what was almost toe to toe punching, it's impossible to cleanly and accurately score the rounds in favor of one or another. The completely contradictory score cards around the press box and even of the three judges proved that.

Nevertheless, there were very few who would have given Ambers the fight without the aid of the five rounds automatically awarded him by Referee Donovan for supposed Armstrong fouls. Donovan's score card itself, even with the five round head start for Ambers, was only 8 and 7 in favor of Lou. So if it weren't for the rounds taken away from him by the referee, whose judgment in the matter also dictates the scores of the two judges, it's clear that Armstrong would have won the fight and retained the lightweight title.

What about those "fouls?"

Since fighting is a rough give and take business where everything thrown can't be aimed with a micrometer, New York State has wisely made a boxing law saying that a fighter can't win on a foul. This put an end to the type of ham like "Fainting Phil" Scott, and ends bad acting such as Max Schmeling put on against Jack Sharkey when he "won" the heavyweight title on the floor from beyond a foul proof protector that no punch can possibly dent. To the referee is still given the discretionary power of calling a foul and ordering the specific round awarded to the man who was hit low.

Donovan worked on the strictest letter of that law and used it solely against Armstrong. Whether or not Manager Mead's claim of "fix" can be proved we do not know. We do know from sitting two rows away from the ring that Donovan chose to take rounds away from Armstrong that he had clearly won just because the tip of Henry's glove brushed against Ambers' trunks in the furious milling along the ropes. Some of the veteran boxing writers didn't even see any low punches in two of the rounds he took away from Henry. In any case, there is no precedent for the amazing and arbitrary taking of five rounds away from a fighter in a championship fight. If this remains unchallenged, the referee can push his over-officiating to the point where he, and he alone, can name the winner in any fight, simply by walking over to the two judges and saying "take it away—foul."

Furthermore, we do know that Donovan's sudden rush of orthodoxy was completely at the expense of Armstrong, and that never once did he even caution Ambers for hitting with the open glove and poking the thumb in Henry's eyes, repeated offenses which left their mark on Henry's face.

Henry didn't say anything about being jabbed, but Manager Mead did. He was purple with anger—"Those Tammany gangsters were responsible for this—I'll talk plenty—the people of Harlem will know who these phony politician gamblers are, too."

Henry had Ambers in a bad way in several rounds, and if he wasn't beginning to lose a bit of the magnificent constant socking power that has made him the greatest title fighter of all time, he would have knocked Ambers out, or at least down. His hands bothered him some, and the weight-making ordeal has become tough for him. But withal, he was still good enough not to have lost the lightweight title.

The last thing he said from beneath the icepack on his lacerated eyes as we said "so long" was a little smile:

"I'm still a champion; so guess I can't take it too hard."

He's still plenty of champion.

Lou Ambers Regains Lightweight Championsh

LOW PUNCHES COST CHAMP 5 ROUNDS OF GO

Champion Tips Scales at 135 as Ambers Registers 133 1-2; Crowd 30,000

(Special to The Times-Picayune)

Yankee Stadium, New York, Aug. 22.—Lou Ambers of Herkimer, N. Y., regained his lightweight title from Henry Armstrong here tonight in a 15-round bout marked by Henry's many low punches, which robbed him of several rounds.

As Armstrong continually forced the fight, Lou was content to step back and box at long range, using a left hand to good advantage. Henry's most effective blows were short hooks as he rushed Lou to the ropes.

Between rounds Armstrong's manager, Eddie Mead, protested vigorously Referee Donovan's repeated warnings and penalties against Henry for low punches.

A crowd of 50,000 spectators saw the fight.

Ambers weighed 133½ pounds and Armstrong 135.

Armstrong was penalized five rounds by Referee Arthur Donovan for low blows.

At the weigh-in this afternoon, the champion tipped 135 pounds, the lightweight limit, while Ambers [illegible] and a half lighter at 133½.

Some 25,000 fans were on hand by the time the first preliminary got under way and still a stream of the faithful continued to march into the cheaper seats. The reserved sections in mezzanine and lower grandstand and the ringside areas in the infield were comfortably filled. The sky had become somewhat clouded, but the weather continued mild and held no threat of rain.

Steve Padon, 140, of New York's West Side and Angelo Lato, 145, Brooklyn, went to a draw in the dull four-rounder which opened the show.

In the second four-rounder, Bernie Miller, 136-pound flashy New York negro, floored Pete Mascia, 141, Brooklyn, twice and went on to an easy decision win.

Champion Holds Weight Edge at Weigh-In for Battle

Lou Ambers (left) and Champion Henry Armstrong square off at their weigh-in Tuesday afternoon for their 15-round lightweight title fight Tuesday night at Yankee Stadium, New York. Armstrong weighed 135 pounds, while Ambers tilted the scales at 133½.

Al Nettlow, 140¼ pounds, of Chicago, stablemate of Ambers, made an impressive showing in outpointing Jimmy Vaughn, 135, Cleveland, in a six-rounder. Nettlow piled up a wide early margin and then held his own, although Vaughn raised a "shanty" under his right eye in the fourth and cut his left eye in the sixth.

Mike Kaplan of Boston outboxed and outpunched Frankie Cavanna of New York all the way and then stopped him in the sixth round. Referee Joe Vaccaralla halted the proceedings at 39 seconds of the round as Kaplan belted Cavanna with both hands in a neutral corner. Each fighter weighed 141½.

ROUND ONE

Lou came out looking a bit pale and drawn. Henry looked a bit fat despite the fact that he had to work hard to get down to 135. Lou wore purple trunks. Henry wore black. Al Weil had complained about vaseline on Armstrong's head and when Henry came out his hair was dry. Both fought toe to toe, slamming at each other's ribs. They were locked so tight for the first minute that they were unable to get any power into their punches. Lou sank a stiff left to the stomach and three right uppercuts which reddened Henry's nose. Henry continued to bore in, slamming for the body, while Lou hung his chin over Henry's left shoulder. It was a fast pace but very uninteresting round because of the constant head-to-head fighting. Lou was first to break ground after Henry stung him with a left to the chin. Lou scored two left hooks to the chin but caught two sharp rights to the jaw which staggered him. Armstrong's round.

ROUND TWO

Lou stung a stiff left to the chin. Lou landed another left hook to the chin. Both men fought with their elbows high and their chins against their chest. They traded lefts to the stomach. Both men were unmarked. Lou landed a right and left to the chin and a good cross to the chin. Henry landed a low blow on Ambers' right hip bone. He was warned by Donovan for hitting low. Lou continued to rip right uppercuts to the chin and chest. Ambers was throwing punches every bit as Henry at the bell. The referee awarded the round to Ambers.

THIRD ROUND

Lou slapped three lefts to the face and caught a half dozen rights to the stomach. The two men were busy slapping at each other but were doing very little damage. Henry continued to rake Lou's ribs and seemed to concentrate all his shots on the body. Every time Henry scored a blow to the body the gamblers began to scream "foul." Henry cornered Lou and gave him a hard smacking, scoring at least a dozen rights and lefts to the heart. Lou began to hold in this round for the first time since the fight started. Lou began to hold as he was backed into the corner and punished around the head this time as Henry began to shift his attack to the head. Ambers was cut over the head as the round ended. Ambers' round.

FOURTH ROUND

Henry came out with his right eye split and evidently some of the blood had washed off on Lou [illegible] as Lou did not appear to be marked. Henry caught Lou with a stiff right to the chin. Henry appeared [illegible] and landed a terrific pace, slamming Lou into the ropes. Lou almost fell. Lou slipped to one knee for a count of one. Henry scored a right to the heart and a right to the chin. Lou took a [illegible] ating with his back against the [illegible] Lou was badly hurt in this round and was punching wildly. Lou's left eye was split and blood streamed down his face. Henry thought the bell had rung but returned and continued to hammer at the thoroughly exhausted Ambers. Armstrong's round.

FIFTH ROUND

Henry appeared to be thoroughly warmed up now and his timing was better. Lou was doing a lot of clinching. While Henry carried the fight, boring in at the body, Lou had a tendency to drop his hands when stung and stood with his back to the ropes. When he did this Henry chopped away at him unmercifully. Henry lost his mouthpiece and many fans wondered whether he would suffer a split lip, which almost cost him his last fight with Lou. The pace had slowed down a bit. Lou began to run a bit, occasionally dashing in for a left hook. Donovan took the

round away from Armstrong for a light low blow.

SIXTH ROUND

Henry came out after being warned between rounds by Donovan. Lou scored two left hooks to the chin. Lou was running and dancing now instead of fighting in close as he did in the early rounds. Lou's left eye began to swell from the cheekbone up. Ambers appeared to be tiring and only fought in spurts while Armstrong continued to fight. Armstrong again lost his mouthpiece. Armstrong's round.

SEVENTH ROUND

Lou came out and landed a left to the stomach and fell into a clinch. Henry continued to fight like a mechanical toy, slamming and battering away for three full minutes. Henry began to bleed from his mouth and left eye. Lou scored three left hooks to the head and the crowd yelled with delight. Henry pinned his man on the ropes and gave him a bad beating, concentrating on the body but stopping occasionally. Time was called while a broken glass bulb was kicked out of the ring. Lou scored a hard right to the chin when Henry charged in, but as Lou fell back against the ropes Henry scored two to the chin which caused Lou's knees to buckle. The referee took the round away from Armstrong.

EIGHTH ROUND

Henry began to shoot higher although in the last round few at the ringside saw any low blows of importance. Henry continued to pursue his man and had Lou against the ropes most of this round. Lou staggered and as he did someone yelled "There he goes." Lou held on and weathered the storm. Armstrong gave Lou a bad beating and took the round by a wide margin.

NINTH ROUND

Henry sank a half dozen rights and lefts to the stomach. Lou continued to run and throw in long lefts from a distance. Lou caught two lefts to the chin. Henry crossed a right high on Lou's cheek. Lou continued to fight in spurts. Henry never once stopped pitching his rights and lefts to the ribs with an occasional right to the head for variety. Lou was tiring and continued to absorb a heavy body punishment as Henry tucked his chin on Lou's chest and ripped nad slashed at his stomach. Henry continued to bang away as Lou stood helplessly against the ropes. Donovan took the round from Armstrong.

TENTH ROUND

Fans around the ringside began to cry "Fake" and "Fixed fight" as the super-technical Donovan began to annoy and harass Armstrong. Under the rules the judges were forced to vote as Donovan ordered. Henry and Lou meanwhile continued their routine style of fight, Henry hammering his man, scoring 10 blows to his one. Lou continued to dance. Henry cornered Lou against the ropes and began to pound at his stomach and ribs. Lou occasionally struck a blow but his punches lacked steam. The round ended with Henry battering Lou almost into his chair. Armstrong's round.

ELEVENTH ROUND

Lou scored a left to the head. Henry slammed a right to the ribs. Lou caught three lefts to the chin and beat a hasty retreat. Henry scored a right to the heart. Henry scored a right to the chin. Henry sank a left to the stomach and Lou turned appealingly to Donovan. The blow was fair by three full inches. Lou appeared to get mad and dropped his guard and caught a hard right to the chin. The referee took the round away from Armstrong. Manager Mead came in the ring and threatened Donovan.

TWELFTH ROUND

There was a mild riot between rounds as both managers threatened Donovan. Lou began to run and hide in this round, evidently trying to protect the lead given him by Donovan. Henry pinned Lou against the ropes and scored three rights and three lefts to the stomach without a return. Lou escaped but Henry caught up with him and continued to batter his ribs. Henry scored a hard right to the head which sent Lou back on his heels. Henry scored a right to the heart and another to the ribs and another to the heart. Henry staggered Lou with a right to the stomach. Lou was all in at the bell. Armstrong's round.

THIRTEENTH ROUND

Henry hit Lou so hard water splashed all over the ringside. He scored a hard right to the chin. Henry tried a left to the ribs and a right to the heart. Lou's left eye was cut. Henry continued to bleed from his mouth and left eye. Henry slammed a left to stomach. Someone in the ringside shouted, "The winner meets Londos." Henry and Lou continued to slam each other about the ring while their rival managers screamed threats of murder at each other. The fight had all the earmarks of a barney. Henry battered Lou against the ropes at the bell, scoring a hard right to the head and a left to the stomach. Armstrong's round.

FOURTEENTH ROUND

Lou scored two right uppercuts to the chin. Lou scored another right to the head and hooked a left to the heart. Lou stood against the ropes and Henry missed a half-dozen suspiciously wild blows. Henry began to fight in the last 30 seconds of the round slamming two hard rights to chin and right to stomach. Lou began to tally near the end as Henry continued his body attack. Lou hooked a left to the chin and a right to the chin and followed with another right to the chin at the bell. Armstrong's round.

FIFTEENTH ROUND

Henry came out and immediately pinned Lou against the ropes. Henry shot a right to the chin. Henry shot a right to the ribs. Lou threw three rights to the head and a left to the stomach. Lou threw a left to the head and a right to heart. Henry scored a half dozen lefts to head and a flurry of rights and lefts to body. Lou topped his man with a right uppercut but when Henry got inside he almost tore Lou in two with a right to stomach. Lou hooked a left to the chin. Lou hooked another left to the chin. Henry scored a half dozen blows to body. Armstrong's round.

Thumbnail Sketches Of Tuskegee Women's Track Squad For 1939

Three Atlantans Other Than Lula Hymes On Squad

Lula Mae Hymes, born March 5, 1917 at Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Hymes was a member of the 1939 senior class of Tuskegee Institute. She is the National AAU Champion in the 100 metres run and the running broad jump and she ran anchor on Tuskegee's National Championship 400 metres relay team. She will compete in these three events in Waterbury, Connecticut, this year. She was also voted the outstanding feminine track and field athlete for 1938. At the Spring meet held at Tuskegee Institute, May 12, 1939, she tied the world's record in the 100 metres run at 11.5 seconds.

Hattie Hall, born November 16, 1919, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Hall is a new comer to track and field, having taken up the sport since entering Tuskegee Institute. In practice she has bettered the accepted world's record in the short put. She will also throw the discus at Waterbury.

Hester Barbara Brown, born October 13, 1921, at Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Brown won second place in the 200 metres run in the 1938 National AAU championships. She was also a member of the Relay team "A" that won the National title. This year she will take part in the 200 metres run at Waterbury and lead-off for relay team "B". She has run the 200 metres in 25.6 in practice this summer.

Lucy Newell, born January 30, 1922, Laurel, Mississippi. She will take part in the 100 meters run, broad jump and will run the anchor leg on relay team "B". Her best time in the 100 metres is 11.6.

Leila Perry, born October 8, 1921, at Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Perry is a Tuskegee Freshman. She has been converted from a sprinter into an 80 metre hurdler. She will also run the third leg on relay team "B". Her best time over the hurdles is 12.1 seconds.

Augusta Butler, born at Snow Hill, Alabama, January 26, 1923. She will compete in the running high jump. She has cleared the bar at a height of 5' 1" in practice this summer.

Rowena Harrison, born November 26, 1923, at Tuskegee, Alabama. Miss Harrison will take part in the 100 metres run, in which event she has also tied the accepted world's record of 11.5 this spring. She will run the third leg on relay team "A".

Christine Long, born in Atchison, Kansas, March 4, 1920. Miss Long is a newcomer to track and field. She will take part in the high jump, baseball throw and the 200 metres run. Her best throw with the baseball is 240 feet.

Alice Coachman, born November 10, 1922, at Albany, Georgia. Miss Coachman, in the running high jump in practice, has bettered the accepted world's record of 5' 5 1-4".

Lillie Purifoy, born September 11, 1921, Snow Hill, Alabama. Miss Purifoy will take part in the 80 metres hurdles will stand by as substitute for Team B in the 400 metres relay race.

Ernestine Rogers, born December 2, 1921, Atlanta, Georgia. Miss Rogers has entered the 50 metres run and will run the second leg on relay team "B". She was a member of the Tuskegee team "B" that won at Naugatuck, Connecticut, last year. Her best time in the 50 is 6.7 seconds.

Margaret Barnes, born September 30, 1918. Miss Barnes is a junior at Tuskegee Institute. She will take part in the javelin throw in which event she won second place at Naugatuck, Connecticut last year. She will also take part in the baseball throw. Her best distance with the javelin is 120 feet.

Celestine Birge, born Boston, Massachusetts, October 1, 1921. Miss Birge is a member of the Freshman Class at Tuskegee Insitute. She will take part in the 50 metres run and will again lead off for relay team "A", the National Champions, as she did last year. Her best time in the 50 metres run was made this year at Prairie View, Texas, when she was timed at 6.5 seconds.

Jessie E. Abbott, born July 22, 1918, at Des Moines, Iowa. She is a member of the junior class at Tuskegee Institute, and will run the second leg on relay team "A" as she did last year and throw the discus.

Helen Hutchinson, born October 22, 1921, at Tuskegee Institute, Ala. She will take part in the 50 metres run and is also alternate on team "A". Her best time in the 50 metres run is 6.7 seconds.

Florence N. Wright, born at Roba, Alabama. She is a veteran in AAU track and field competition. She won second place in the shot put in 1936 at Providence, Rhode Island; second place in Trenton, New Jersey, in 1937, and second place at Naugatuck, Conn., in this event in 1939. Her best distance in the shot put is 40 feet 6 inches.

Armstrong May Cease Fighting Lightweights

NEW YORK, Sept. —(ANP)— On advice of his physician, Henry Armstrong, who lost his lightweight championship Tuesday night to Lou Ambers from whom he won it a year ago, will campaign from now on only as a welterweight.

The little wonder man, who a year ago held three titles, just did come in at the weight limit of 135 pounds for the Ambers fight. Before the weigh-in it was found he was too heavy so he spent a half hour in an electric sweat box. It is believed this took its toll, for he was unable to maintain his old pace and his blows lacked the zip of those flung a year ago.

"I'll fight Ambers or anyone else for the welterweight title," Armstrong said after he was examined by his physician.

As for the Ambers' fight itself, expert ringside opinion was divided as to whether the little champion should have been deprived of his title for fouls in a state with a no-foul rule. Many ringside experts said they did not see some of the alleged fouls which cost Henry five of the 15 rounds, but all agreed the loss of these was the difference between winning and giving up the crown.

One of the most caustic critics of the decision was James P. Dawson, New York Times boxing writer, who said:

"Four of these rounds Armstrong won on competition beyond question. Ambers, without the foul that was called, carried the second. But there were times when the fouls were not visible, notably the second which cost Armstrong the fifth round.

"On this observer's score sheet Armstrong was the victim of an injustice even taking into account the penalties of which he was the victim. Giving Ambers the benefit of the doubt in the five rounds he won by the ring's law enforcement, Armstrong still won the battle eight rounds to seven in the writer's opinion.

Athletes, Going Up — Coming Down

Through the plaintive philosophies in the verse of a modern song, "What Goes Up Must Come Down," we can get a good slant on the latest trend of our Negro athletes. There was an era just past when the darker boys looked as if they were about to slowly sprend an all-covering monopoly over a greater portion of what sport fame was worth while to garner in.

Joe Louis, John Henry Lewis and Henry Armstrong took complete charge of the fistic titles, and such tracksters as Owens, Metcalf, Mack Robinson, Woodruff, Luvalle, Archie Williams, Albritton and Corny Johnson drew most of the gold medals in the track and field events.

But lo came the change and as the calendar sheets faded, Negro greats began toppling from their glorified positions with the regularity of clay pigeons in a shooting gallery.

There isn't anything unnatural about all of this. Negroes have no claim to being naturally superior to any of the other races, the last era of sport, as destiny would have it, was theirs. They had their hour to strut and fret upon the stage of glory and fame in the world of track and fistiana. Of course some made more of their opportunities than others, but that goes into another discussion.

In the event that Hitler tolerates another one of those get-to-gethers called, "The Olympics," we would certainly like to see several race athletes among the chosen number, but at the rate the boys hit it up to the top places in sports and then suddenly flop, we just can't say at the moment who we will have in there wearing the colors.

Watson and Bastiste, current members of the European barnstorming track team look like sure things right now, but so did Borican during the last indoor season. Woodruff, Barney Ewell and Herbert Thompson ought to make a good go for places, but as the song says, they go up fast now days, but when you turn your head to comment, they may be down before you can look back.

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Watch the Pacific Coast's Jackie Wilson

Way out on the Pacific coast another fighter is moving in to fill the gap that Henry Armstrong is leaving as he has expressed his desire to give up fighting in the lightweight division for good. This boy is Jackie Wilson, Olympic lightweight champion of the 1936 Olympics. Just recently the eighth victim fell before the flying mitts of young Jackie. Coast fans are clamoring for a match with Wilson facing either Baby Arizmendi or Tony Chavez, both of Little Mexico. We don't know how the little fellow will come out against this testing material, but from his past record he looks like a good successor and threat to both Hank Armstrong and Lou Ambers.

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What — When There Is Nothing To Conquer?

What must a tennis champion still in his youth with better ability to be had, do when he finds he has no opponents available to conquer? That is just the postion of young Jimmy McDaniels finds himself in at the present time. McDaniels defeated the best to win the National Tennis Championships at Hampton recently. He stands favored to win the 18th Annual Pacific Coast tourney to be held out there. Then what is there for Jimmy to do? Where can he find competition?

In the last issue of Time Magazine, an excellent account of the boy's ability was played up, even comparing him with America's Davis Cup hope, Bobby Riggs, whom he played with as a student of the Manual Arts High School on the coast.

To the Californian interested in the rise of this tennis star, they see only one solution. Jimmy McDaniels must crash the color line.

At present, he is face to face with the threat of staleness that will invaritably come with no greater players to face. Last March a California paper carried a story about McDaniels and Cohen being admitted to the National Intercollegiate tournament at Annapolis; but nothing more was ever heard of it.

Jimmy told a reporter this week that they didn't play, but received the invitation mainly because Xavier pays $50 a year to the athletic association sponsoring the tournament. When they formally applied for entrance, their applications were never answered.

The picture and write-up in Time Magazine is pretty good recognition now days, and maybe the time is ripe to place some pressure in the proper place to get our racquet aces over into the group where better competition can be had.

CHICAGO MARKSMAN WINS TOP HONORS IN ST. LOUIS SKEET TOURNAMENT

(By Staff Correspondent)

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 17—Many of the country's best marksmen competed here last Sunday and Monday in the Present Day Gun and Rod club's National Trap and Skeet tournament, with Dr. Van Porter, crack shot from Chicago, grabbed top honors, followed by Leyton Weston and Louis J. Simms, both of St. Louis.

Weston won the Class A honors with 274 targets, with Simms finishing second and William Mitchell of St. Louis, taking third place honors.

In the Class B section, J. S. Hill of Chicago was first and E. Spencer of St. Louis took second honors.

Glenna Van Porter, Chicago, won high gun money in the Class C competition.

A special feature of the match was the closed local competition for the Lieutenant Ira L. Cooper Memorial Trophy, a beautiful gold statuette award presented by Miss Lucanna Cooper, daughter of the late police lieutenant and her mother in memory of their father and husband, who was founder of the club and president at the time of his death last spring. The first leg on the trophy, which must be won three times, was captured by Leyton Weston.

The St. Louis shooters nosed out Chicago in the five-man event to repeat their last year's victory.

In the closing event, a special 25 target shoot for ladies. Glenna Van Porter, Chicago, took first honors. Others receiving awards and their standings, were: Ethel Haywood, Bea Harrison, Thelma Harris, Justine Spencer, and Ethel Jackson, all of St. Louis.

Class A winners in the various events included E. A. Isles and Dewey Cavin of Chicago, and Leyton Weston, William Mitchell and E. J. Bradley of St. Louis.

Class B winners were: Dr. J. S. Hill of Chicago, and Lon Thomas, T. D. McNeal, Earl Marsh and E. Spencer of St. Louis.

Class C winners were Robert Taylor and Glenna Van Porter of Chicago, Miss Ethel Haywood, Mrs. Harrison and J. L. Malone St. Louis.

Ring Career Ended, John H. Lewis Turns Salesman

Named Special Representative For Distillery

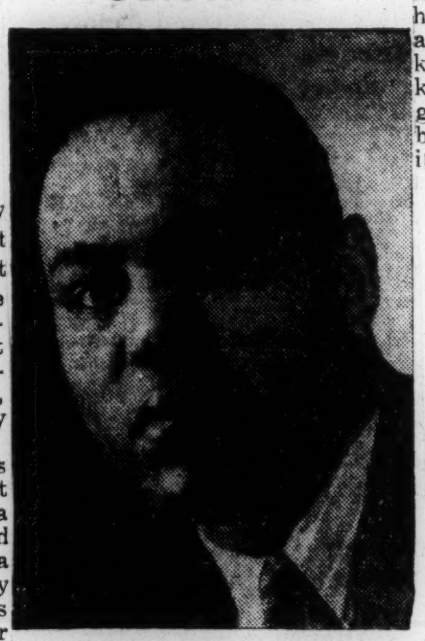
NEW YORK CITY—John Henry Lewis, former light-heavyweight champion of the world, who fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight title early this year, has become associated with the sales department of a well known Distillers Corporation as a special representative, according to an announcement by the company.

Lewis, who is 25 years old, has devoted most of his life to the art of pugilism. His father, who for a number of years was connected with the University of California as head trainer, taught John Henry and his older Christy the rudiments of boxing at the early age of four years old. As youngsters the brothers put on boxing exhibitions together touring through Arizona and became popularly know as the Lewis Twins.

LOST SEVEN FIGHTS

During his fighting career, Lewis engaged in 101 fights and lost only seven, of these one was to Joe Louis and another to James J. Braddock. Lewis comes from a family with a fighting tradition. His great-uncle, Tom Molin, was the first American fighter to contend for the heavyweight title, and his fight with Tom Crib is among the never-to-be-forgotten bouts.

Lewis fought his first professional fight at the age of fourteen, which he lost, and won the middleweight championship of Arizona at seventeen. In 1932 he



JOHN HENRY LEWIS

fought and won his first ten-round fight against Yale Okum and later entered the ring against such well-known fighters as James Braddock, Maxie Rosenbloom, Fred Lenheart and Louis Scrozza.

SAW STARS FALL

He was generally proclaimed as the uncrowned light-weight champion, a title he officially won in 1935 in his match with Bob Olin. After successfully defending his light-weight title, Lewis obtained a match with Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship.

Speaking of that event in a reflective mood, Lewis said, "Seems like the stars of heaven fell that night. I remember jumping back to avoid a blow—I don't remember anything else. They said I kept jumping, not back and forth, but up and down. Well, it all leads back to the same thing, if only I had not forgotten to duck. I should have remembered what my father always said, 'Hold your head up, keep throwing your gloves and keep off the canvas.' I think that's good advice to follow even in business, and Ill try and remember it in my work."

Tuskegee Stars

THE MISSES CELESTINE BIRGE, top, and Lula Mae Hymes, two of Tuskegee Institute's stellar women athletes, who will compete in the National AAU women's championships to be held at Waterbury, Conn., Sunday, September 3. Both specialize in the sprints.

Objects To Fight To Get Negroes In Major League Baseball Circuits

Suggests Ways Of Building Own Leagues To Proper Status; Points Out That Whites Don't Want Sepia Players

CHICAGO—(By R. S. Simmons for ANP)—For a number of years I have read articles and listened to a number of conversations relative to Negro ball players getting into the BIG LEAGUES. I have stated on several occasions, and repeat that as long as we attempt to place our boys in the big leagues by trying to show that they are being kept out through segregation, discrimination and color, they will be kept out always. The more the latter three reasons mentioned are being placed before the public and the owners of the various big league teams and their officials, the further the success will be going from us.

I have been trying to understand why keep trying to throw Negro ball players on a group which has proved it doesn't want you. Why not have some independence by building up and praising your own leagues and forget the other fellow has a league, like he forgets you have one. As long as you show how inferior your leagues are and how superior his leagues are, you will never get any respect.

What do you call the Negro National and Negro American leagues? If they are not major big leagues, let's make them just that. It can be done. We have ball players who are as good as players coming from any group. We should be able to build our own leagues that will gain the attention of baseball loving fans.

You may wonder why so many of our folks turn their attention to the games of other leagues. This is because they are constantly being told in one sense of the word that our leagues are so small and not interesting and that the other leagues top the day and have all there is in baseball.

People who like to watch baseball games want to see plenty of action and pep when they pay at the box office. A majority feel that the other big leagues have that because it is constantly kept before them. This is the one thing that team owners and league officials must do in order to compete in holding the customer and not operate on the plan that they know we have a ball team and a ball park and do their advertising a day or two before the game is to be played in your town.

Towns where leagues are represented, the owner of that team should keep fans posted as to what progress their team is making while on the road. When the home team leaves and a week passes before baseball fans hear a word about the progress of the team, their attention is turned to those games which are kept before them daily. Then, when the team returns for home games, the fans are so wrapped up in the other games they have lost interest in their own league games.

I believe every nationality has a certain amount of race pride. but a business can't depend largely on race pride—it must produce. In order to produce, there must be formed a sound organization, there must be the fullest cooperation on the part of those connected with said organization and that cooperation should be put into execution and not the chin music kind of execution, but that which calls for real action.

The appearance of a business is a big item along with the appearance of those who participate in that business. It is a part of that which will have the tendency to help get and hold customers. Players should be paid a decent salary in order that they will be satisfied and their minds clear and kept on their business. They should be treated like men, but should understand that they are in a business organization, part of the success of which is left up to them. Actions of players will be the results of patrons of the game. No one likes to see "and especially pay to see" a player drag around on the ball field, but they will pay to see real action regardless of the losses, and regardless if it be black or white.

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A player's record should be kept from the beginning to the end of each season plus his merits and demerits—his hitting, batting and fielding averages. These last three should be given to the league secretary ever so often, and same should be compiled and given to newspapers for publication in order that the baseball public will know how its favorite player stands on his team and in that league. Owners and managers should be fair with players, and players in turn should be likewise.

J. CROW BEATEN IN CONN. LEAGUE

NEW HAVEN, Conn.—(CNA)—The campaign to reverse the Jim Crow ruling of the Connecticut State Baseball League has been won.

The campaign, sponsored by the New Haven Youth Conference to change a ruling which barred pitcher Johnny Taylor from the New Britain team league, came to a successful conclusion when league president Joe Hannan informed the conference on the morning of its gigantic protest meeting that no ruling barring colored players existed any longer in the league. He said he and the league would oppose all undemocratic race bars in the future. Immediate steps to reinstate Taylor are being taken.

The Jim Crow banning of Taylor by several magnates aroused a state-wide campaign, which included athletes, coaches, players and managers in the league and church organizations. A petition campaign by the New Haven Youth Conference gained thousands of signatures and a mass meeting at New Britain was attended by an overflow crowd.

Brown Gives Points For Helping Race Baseball

Daily Worker

By SAM R. BROWN

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(SNS)—

With the baseball season so far as the Negro American and National Leagues are concerned just about to come to a close, the Red Sox followers and enthusiasts will turn their attentions and enthusiasm to other leagues and other sports. It now appears that St. Louis of the American League and the Baltimore club of the National League will finish on top for the second half in their respective leagues. The Kansas City Monarchs are first half winners of the Negro American League and the Homestead Grays first half winners of the National League. So, after the championship of the two leagues has been determined, perhaps, there will be a real world series in regards to colored baseball.

9-5-39

In recent years there has been much agitation and conversation in regards to colored players crashing the white major leagues. There is little doubt that colored players are capable of making the grade alongside white players in the majors if given the chance and opportunity to play. In reading the articles as published by a nationally known weekly, I find that the majority of the players interviewed expressed themselves as having no objections to playing alongside of players of darker hue, and that many managers of Big League clubs stated that they would be glad to used colored players, if it were left to them. So, take that as it is, whether it is true or a mere passing of the well known buck, we do know of instances where managers have recommended certain players to the club owners, yet, we are yet to learn of a colored player being recommended by some of these outspoken managers. Some few years ago some of the club owners were approached on the same subject, and it is reported that some of the owners told those seeking an opening for the colored players in the big leagues to go back and perfect a league among themselves, that would and could be recognized along side other minor leagues that perhaps then they might give the colored player some attention, which brings us back to where we were, that is the two Negro Leagues.

It is true that the operators of the two leagues have come a long way and made much improvement over the cut-throat brand of baseball played years ago, with most of the teams being independent clubs with no kind of a binding league organization with power to control their actions. Of course, now with the two Negro leagues having a working agreement and being operated in a businesslike manner there appears to be a brighter day for the professional Negro ball player. The leagues are now far advanced towards real business organizations there are some little matters, perhaps the big moguls of the organization overlooked, such as having an official scored named in every city where league games are played, official umpires named for each series, the individual averages of the players published from time to time, all ball players and the fans who pay the freight, want to know sometime during the season just what are the batting and fielding averages of such and such a player Also, a league statistician to be responsible for these matters. All these should be named by the league and responsible to the league and not to the individual club owners. We dare say that if a player's batting average for the past three years or two years or any year were needed there would be an element of doubt as to his correct average

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Call 9-8-'39

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Pitt Ace Forging the First Link of His Third Successive I. C. A. A. A. A. Double

Times Wide World

Woodruff (second from right) beating Upton, U. S. C., who finished second; Watts, California, fourth, and Miller, U. S. C., third, in the 440, equaling meet record of 0:47

Time 5-28-39

4 MEET MARKS SET

I.C.4-A. Field Dominated by Trojan Stars, Who Tally 71½ Points

WOODRUFF WINS 440, 880

Gets a Double for Third Year in Row—Zamperini Takes Mile Run in 4:11.2

By ARTHUR J. DALEY

Just by way of giving a distinctive flavor to the operation, the University of Southern California did a most thorough job in winning the track and field championship of the Intercollegiate A. A. A. A. yesterday, the Trojans setting an all-time scoring record by compiling the astounding total of 71½ points.

Never before in the sixty-three-year history of this organization had any team dominated the show as the powerhouse from the Coast did before the awed gaze of 7,500 spectators in sun-flooded Triborough Stadium on Randall's Island.

As promised, Southern California was simply terrific. It won six championships outright and shared in two others. It set three of the four meet records that were made, accounted for one of the two tied marks and made off with about everything except the gate receipts.

The only features to escape the superteam from the Coast went to the superman from Pitt, John Youie Woodruff. He took the quarter and half mile races to become the first three-time winner of these events since 1884 and, in the bargain, he equaled the 440-yard figures for the third straight year with 47 seconds flat and clipped the 880-yard standard with 1:51.2.

Vickery Cuts Hurdles Mark

But it really took an extraordinary individual like Woodruff to steal even a low rumble of the U. S. C. thunder. Louis Zamperini drove the mile record down to 4:11.2; Earl Vickery trimmed the low hurdles mark to an amazing 0:22.8, two-tenths away from the incomparable Jesse Owens's world figures; Jim Humphrey equaled a high hurdles clocking that has not been clipped in nineteen years, and Bob Peoples set a javelin standard of 223 feet 1¼ inches in his Friday trials which held through to the end.

Those were the chief trail-blazers for the lads from California, but they had additional champions. Phil Gaspar won the discus, Bud Day tied with Dick Ganslen of Columbia in the pole vault, and both Clarke Mallery and John Wilson tied with Walter Arrington of Michigan State in the high jump.

Even that was not all. A team of Zamperini, Art Reading, Howard Upton and Erwin Miller gave an unusual added touch to a beautifully run and exciting meet by winning the one-mile relay finale, doing it the hard way after falling on the third leg.

This spill was an extra bit of pyrotechnics as the Pitt, N. Y. U. and Southern California men, coming up for the final touch-off, went down together in a wild tangle of arms and legs. The Violet and Panthers were out of it, but the Trojans still won in the excellent time of 3:19.6.

Tuskegee Grid Season Opens September 23rd

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., June 15—The 1939 Tuskegee Institute football schedule opens with LeMoyne college in the Alumni Bowl at Tuskegee on September 23. After that the Tigers will play Morris Brown, Wilberforce, Florida A. and M. college, Morehouse college, South Carolina State college, Knoxville college, Southern university and State Teachers college in the order named.

The Tigers play seven Southern Conference games, one intersectional game, meeting Wilberforce university at Soldier Field in Chicago, Friday night, October 13, and one game against a Southwest Conference opponent—Southern university. This game will dedicate the new $150,000 stadium at Southern university which is nearing completion. It is expected that the governor of Louisiana and other high state officials will be present. Tuskegee's crack 80 piece band will participate in the ceremony.

Beaten By Famous Clyde Jefferey

MOZELLE ELLERBE

Clyde Jeffery, called the presen "world's fastest human," kept tha distinction Saturday in the NCAA track carnival in Los Angeles, Cal as he ran the classic 100-yard dash on a slow track in 9.8 seconds t trim Ellerbe of Tuskegee, his chief rival on the 1940 U. S. Olympi team., as well as Willis and Ander son, both of Southern California Nelson of Fresno State, and Led ford of Washington State in tha order.

Norman Holmes, Atlanta boy registered at Florida A. and M. col lege, Tallahassee, Fla., failed t survive the semifinal heats of th century dash, but Ellerbe, runnin second to Jeffery in the finals, ha won his preliminary trial agains a fast field in 9.7 seconds.

It was Ellerbe's first defeat sinc way back in 1938 and many be lieve the loss may have been du to the fact that he pulled a tendo at the Tuskegee Relays May 1 when he was closely pressed b Holmes to capture the 100-yar dash there in 9.6.

MOZEL ELLERBE ENTERED IN N. C. A. A. MEET

Will Run in 100 Yard Dash

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, June 15, — Mozel Ellerbe, who has been entered in the 100 yard dash at the N. C. A. A., which will be be held in the Colosseum at Los Angeles, California, on June 17, left Tuskegee Institute today accompanied by Track Coach William O'Shields for the Coast.

Coach O'Shields and Ellerbe will stop in New Orleans, La., El Paso, Texas, and Phoenix, Arizona, and will be entertained by the Tuskegee Clubs in those places. The Tuskegee track star and his coach will be the guests of the Los Angles-Tuskegee Club M. E. Campbell, secretary, 2081 West 29th street, Los Angeles, while on the coast.

Ellerbe, who won the 100 yard dash at the Kansas Relays, the Penn Relays and the Tuskegee Relay Carnival this year, will enter the 100 at Los Angeles against one of the fastest fields in which he has yet been entered. Coast newspaper writers have devoted much space to the Tuskegee cinderpathman and indicates that he will have an excellent opportunity to demonstrate that he is today the world's fastest human.

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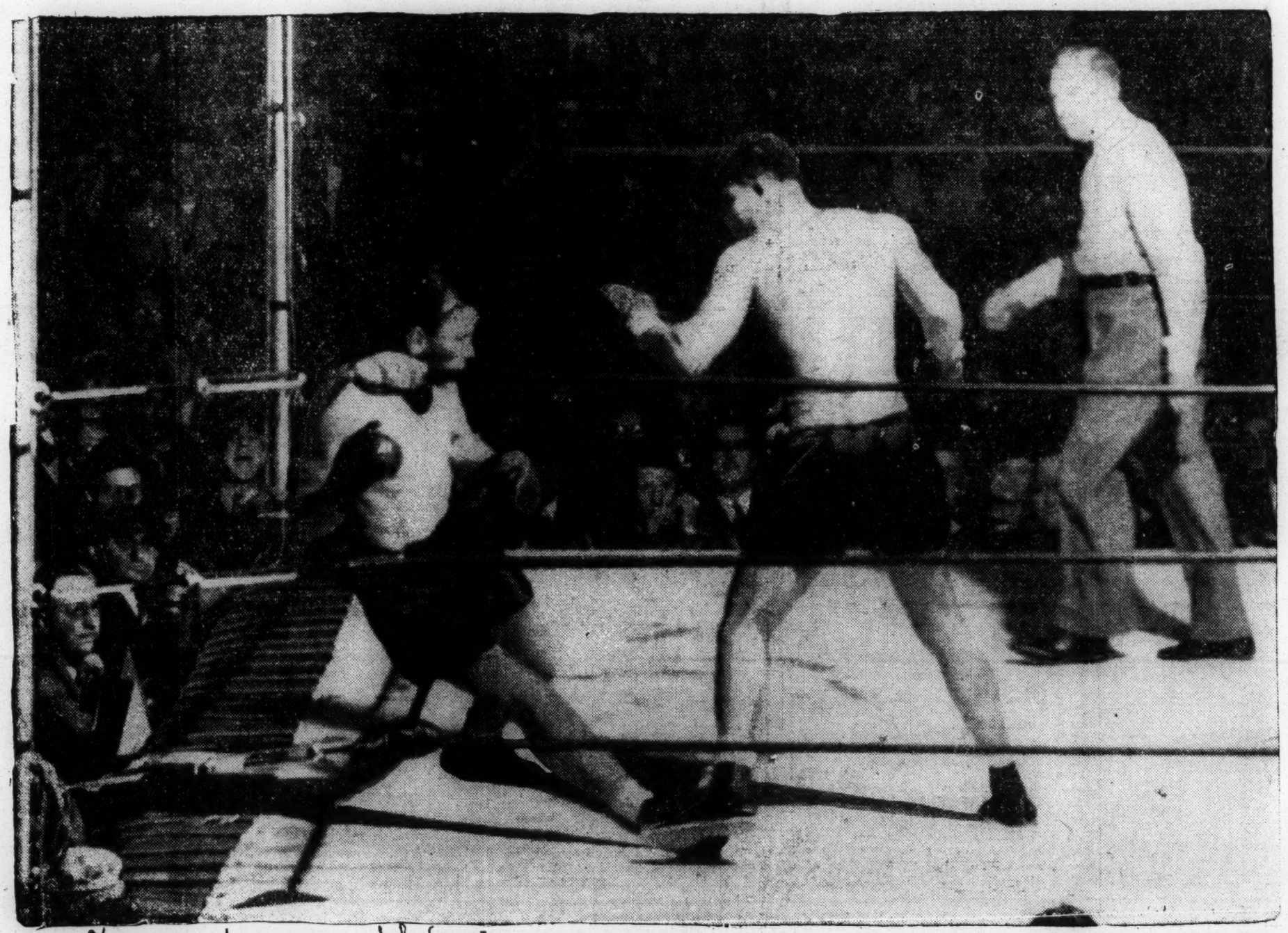
The Finish of Jack Roper's Fistic Engagement With Champ Joe Louis



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AS ROPER TRIED VAINLY TO REGAIN HIS FEET AFTER BEI NG FLOORED IN 2 MINUTES AND 20 SECONDS BY THE BROWN BOMBER.

LOUIS LAUDS ROPER ON HIS GAME STAND

He Made A Real Bout Of It While It Was Going

By FRANK FINCH

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—"I knew he had a real left hand. An' I knew I had two good hands. He jus' got the bad end of the bargain, tha's all."

Which was Bomber Joe's succinct way of summing up his cyclonic conquest of the gambling fool, Jack Roper, Monday nite.

Sitting placidly on his dressing table, a towel partially hiding his unmarked poker face and his murderous right hand stuck in a bucket of ice water, Joe Louis hardly looked the part of the ring killer that he most certainly is.

Feathers UnRuffled

He was the most relaxed person in that stuffy little dressing room under the grandstand ordinarily reserved for the baseball umpires. Flash bulbs were popping all over the premises. Interviewers machine-gunned the champion with countless questions. Guys were pushing microphones right in Joe's face.

He didn't seem to mind. He was just wondering whether he ought to go home and go to bed or accept an invitation to make a personal appearance at several dozen of the "victory" celebrations that blew Central Ave. wide open.

Praises Roper

Louis proved a gracious winner. "No fight of mine will be any tougher than this one," said Louis. "Roper can box better than Tony Galento (whom Louis will execute June 28 next) and he's smarter."

Recalling his other recent first-round knockout of Max Schmeling and John Henry Lewis, the tawny titleholder paid Roper high tribute by comparison. "Smelling (he calls the German 'Smelling') never even took a punch at me. John Henry swung once and missed a mile. But Roper——"

Little Harlem Celebrates Louis Win

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Central Ave. celebrated the quick victory of Joe Louis over Jack Roper noisily but with few street fights Monday night.

Thousands of colored celebrants swept through the Avenue of Little Harlem chanting the name of their champion—Joe Louis, Big Joe—but few got rough.

Stalled Traffic

Several times the milling crowd took over the street, pulling streetcar trolleys off and stalling traffic but the mix-ups were soon straightened out.

Under the command of Lieutenant of Police William Powers eight radio cars patrolled the district while a hundred uniformed and plain clothes officers watched the streets.

Crowd of 25,000

An ambulance crew kept in the district had not been called up to midnight.

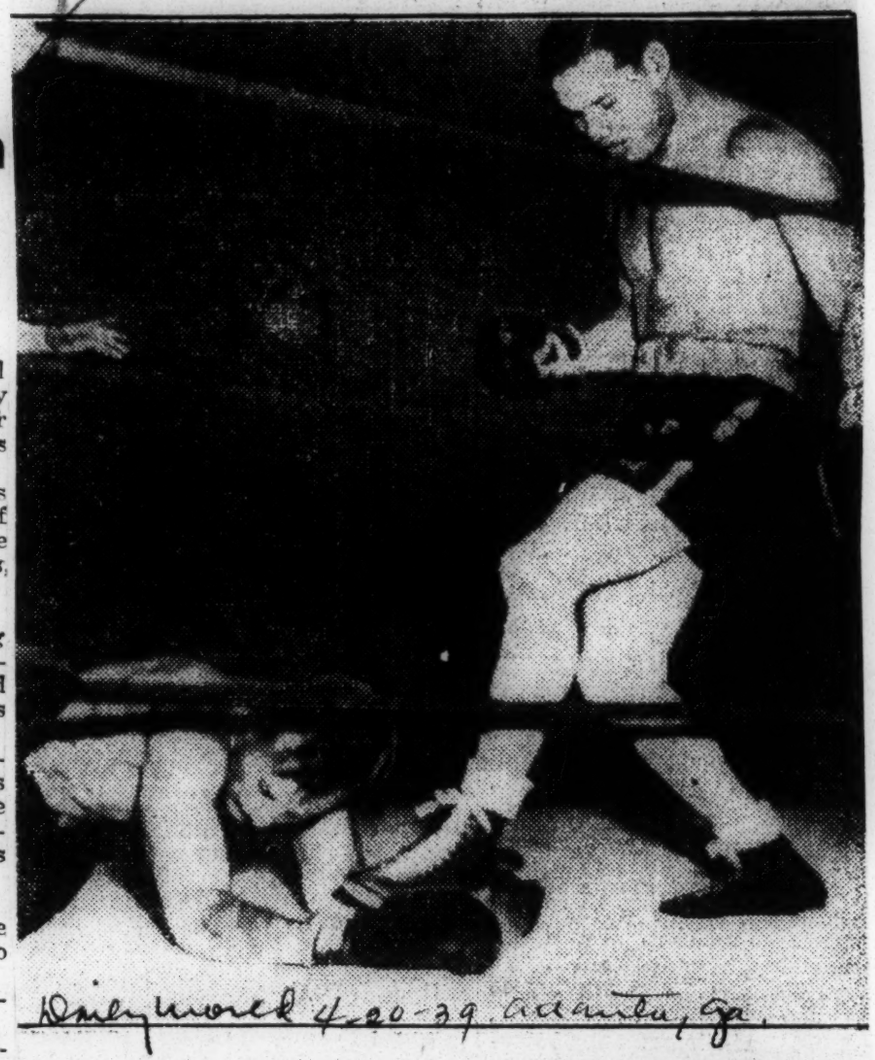
Police estimated the celebrating crowd at 25,000.

Louis made a personal appearance after midnight at the Elks Club at 36th and Central and then was sent to bed after making a couple of social calls at the business establishments of friends.

Long After Two

It was long after the 2 o'clock closing hour, however, before Little Harlem quit celebrating the appearance of Champion Joe Louis on the avenue, the first colored champion to be entertained after a championship fight here in two decades.

Roper Bites the Dust



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I. I. N. Phonephoto

Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis towers over his latest challenger, Jack Roper, after knocking him out in two minutes and twenty seconds of their scheduled ten-round fight in Los Angeles. Roper brought the crowd roaring to their feet with three mighty lefts to the champion's head, but the Brown Bomber made it another "short" with a vicious left hook and a lethal right cross that toppled the challenger for the full count.

Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

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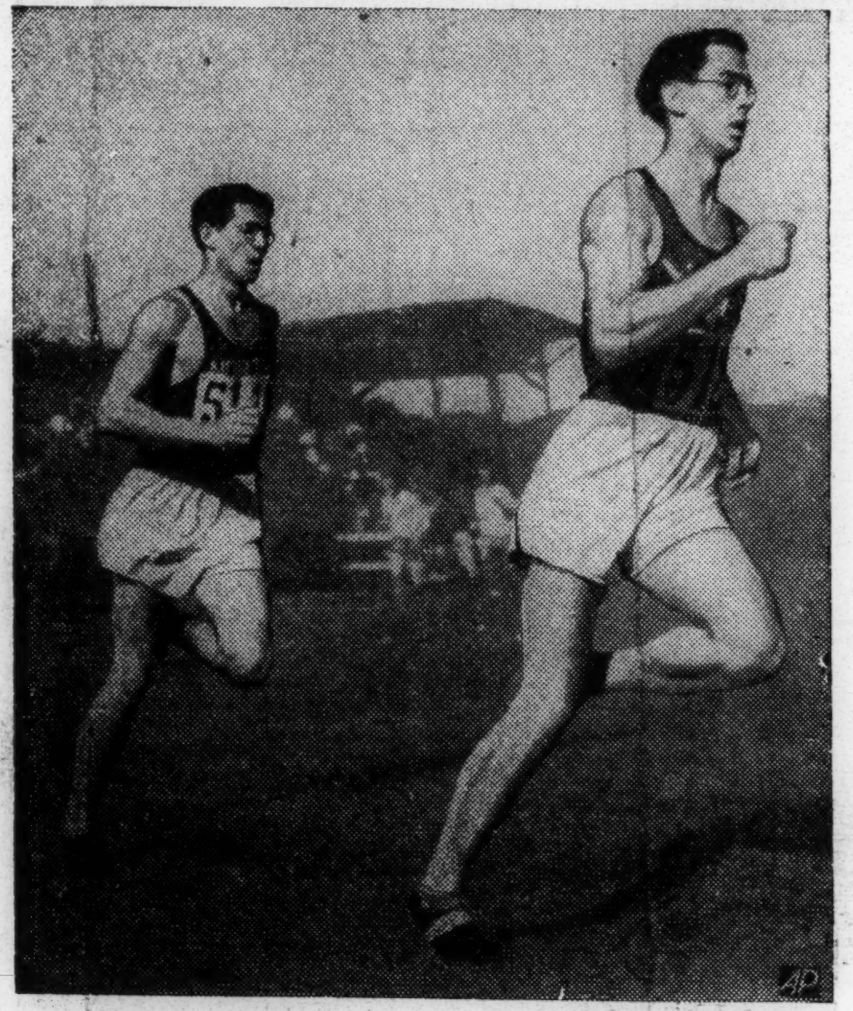
These Are the Boys to Watch in Penn Relay Games

JOHN YOUIE WOODRUFF



BLAINE RIDEOUT

WAYNE RIDEOUT

FRANCIS J. RYAN

BY TED MEIER

PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—(AP) Last season's stars are warming up again to meet the annual challenge of "unknowns"—speedy sophomores who come to the Penn relays to vie with champions.

Sometimes the "unknown" proves the star of the meet, which this year opens the Eastern outdoor track season, April 28-29.

The veterans this year are topped by lanky John Woodruff of Pittsburgh and the Rideout twins—Wayne and Blaine—of North Texas Teachers.

Much as durable Don Lash, of Indiana, starred in the 1937 relays, Woodruff dominated the affair a year ago. He ran anchor on three Pitt teams that won relay championships—880, mile, and sprint medley—topping off his performance with a spurt of speed that established a world record of 3:24.5 in the medley. In this event the anchor man runs a half-mile. Woodruff, recognized as one of America's best 880-yard runners, did himself proud.

The Rideout twins, with Wayne running the three-quarters of a mile in third position and Blaine the mile as anchor man, led North Texas to a world's record of 9:59.4 in the distance medley relay.

Other Candidates

Others who may snare 1939 starring laurels include Don Kinzle of Duke, who won the 120-yard high hurdles last year from such stars as Jay Shields and Ted Day of Yale; Nick Vukmanic of Penn State, who set a meet record of 223 feet 10 1-2 inches in the javelin last year; Frank Ryan, of Columbia, whose heave of 51 feet 6 1-8 set a meet shotput record last spring; and Morzell Ellerbee, of Tuskegee Institute who won the 100-yard dash at the Drake Relays at Des Moines, Ia., in 9:6 last year.

Three performers, who track experts predict will make the headlines in another year—Pennsylvania's Ed Beetam (shotput and discus) and Ed Junghans (dashes), and Penn State's Barney Ewell (dashes)—will be ineligible to compete because they are freshmen.

Hampton Edges Out Va. State To Cop Second Annual CIAA Relays

By CHARLES H. KING

HAMPTON INSTITUTE, Va., April 27.—Amid a thrilling day of record making and record breaking, the Hampton Pirates amassed a total of 35 and 2-3 points to win the second annual C.I.A.A. Relays. In winning the Pirates barely edged out the Virginia State Trojans by 1 1-3 points in the nip and tuck battle for track and field supremacy which included seven association schools. Morgan, with 26 points, was third, followed in order by St. Paul, A. and T., Howard, Fayetteville and Union, with respective scores of 12, 11, 6, 3 and 1 points.

Leading the Trojans as far as the shuttle hurdle relay, the Pirates momentarily fell behind, but came through in grand style in the last event of the day, the mile relay. The Pirates ran away with this race and consequently took the meet. Besides winning the mile relay and placing in all the other events the Pirates set up a new record in the two-mile relay.

SUMMARIES

440-Yard Relay—Won by State; second, Morgan; third, Hampton; fourth, Union. Time, 43.3 seconds. (New meet record.)

880-Yard Relay—Won by State; second, Hampton; third, A. and T.; fourth, Morgan. Time, 1 minute 31.5 seconds. (New meet record.)

Mile Relay — Won by Hampton (Furcron, Antoine, Childs, Washington); second, Morgan; third, State. Time, 3 minutes 23.5 seconds (New record).

Two-Mile Relay—Won by Hampton (Childs, Curtis, Watson, Furcron); second, Morgan. Time, 8 minutes 16.7 seconds. (New meet record.)

480-Yard Shuttle Relay—Won by State; second, Morgan; Hampton, third; A. and T., fourth. Time, 1 minute 10.8 seconds.

Medley Relay—Won by Morgan; second, State; third, Hampton. Time, 3 minutes 40.6 seconds. (New meet record.)

Pole Vault—Won by Hudgins and Perkins, Hampton and Bailey, State (3-way tie). Height, 11 feet. (New meet record.)

Broad Jump — Won by Sims, State; second, Ellis, State Teachers' College; third, Fletcher, Morgan. Distance, 22 feet 10½ inches. (New meet record.)

Shot Put — Won by Dismond, Hampton; second, Bates, St. Paul; third, Holly, Morgan; fourth, Moton. Hampton. Distance, 41 feet 10⅞ inches. (New meet record.)

Javelin—Won by Hall, State.

High Jump—Won by Cole, A. and T.

Discus—Won by Bates, St. Paul.

BABYLON, L. I., HOME OF NEGRO PRO BASEBALL

By JOHN H. THOMPSON

NEW YORK, Apr. 27—(ANP)—Many cities have made claims that they have been the birthplace of organized colored professional baseball, but search of records prove conclusively that Babylon, Long Island, one hour's ride from New York City, was where pro-baseball really got its start.

In 1885, Frank P. Thompson, head waiter in the Argyle hotel in that city, selected a team of waiters who played against white guests of the hotel. In a series of nine games, they won 6, lost 2 and tied 1. These games were played against New York and local white teams.

Success of the team caused players to organize into a professional unit, and they scheduled games throughout the East. Their first out-of-town games were played in Philadelphia, where they met and defeated the strong Orions, another colored outfit, organized after the Babylon team.

Securing a white manager, John F. Lang, the team, known as the Cuban Giants, played and defeated some of the best teams in the East, regardless of color. They became champs in the Eastern league. With Walter Cook, a local capitalist, as their backer, they secured the finest equipment and built a park. S. K. McGovern, colored, was selected as the manager, and under him players developed into as fine a baseball outfit as any then playing.

Players were paid according to their position in the line-up: pitchers and catchers were paid $18 per week; infielders received $15; outfielders, $12.

In 1887 a league of colored baseball players was organized with teams in Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh and Louisville. During the first year of the league, the Cuban Giants were the best in the land, defeating all teams and winning the pennant.

In 1888, a national baseball tournament was held in New York, and the Cuban Giants won the silver ball awarded as a prize. The Pittsburgh Keystones, N. Y. Gorhams, Norfolk Red Stockings finished in the order named.

In 1890, the Gorhams became the strongest team in the country by virtue of buying up all the best players in the East. They played over 100 games, losing but four. They had a consecutive winning streak of 39 games, a world record at that time.

Negro baseball players during this period and during the early 1900's were recognized as the best in the land. They played on and against white teams, and there were few, if any, difficulties which arose. White fans had their colored baseball idols and cheered them as rabidly as they now do Di Maggio. Will we see a return of this heydey of colored baseball players?

Third of Crowd At Louis-Roper Fight Colored

LOS ANGELES, April 27—(ANP)—Pleasantly surprising Tom Gallery and Mike Jacobs, promoters of last Monday night's title fight between Joe Louis and Jack Roper, over one third of the crowd was colored. Coming from all parts of the city and suburbs, they were plentifully scattered through the $1.15 ringside seats as well as in the boxes and grand stands. The quick ending of the battle in 2:20 had no semblance of a setup match or a fake as Roper went down fighting gamely, and the colored fans were treated to a scare as the champ was on the receiving end of three hard left hand smashes.

Louis, who entered the ring some time after Roper, was greeted with a roar of applause from the fans of all races, the majority of whom were anxious to see him retain his crown. He showed perfect trim as he glided out to meet the left hook veteran who had called the champion an "over-rated ape," and boasted that he was going to knock him out. Louis showed that he was taking no chances and merely sparred and felt Roper out for the first minute. Then suddenly Roper landed a hard left to Louis' jaw that invisibly hurt and surprised him, followed by one to the body and another to the head. This slight success seemed to enthuse him to the extent of throwing off caution and he rushed Louis in an attempt to follow up his advantage. That brought his downfall, for the great counter punching Louis snapped a tattoo of lightning lefts through the openings, followed by right uppercuts and crosses that kept Jack's head bobbing.

Then came a hard smash to the solar plexus that paralyzed him from the legs down and as he started falling on his face, the Bomber dropped another hard one back of his ear. By the count of ten Roper was feebly grasping for the ropes in an attempt to pull himself up to his feet but could not do so.

Before he left last Wednesday, Louis received $34,002 for 2:20 work, and Roper drew $7,556. The gate was $75,560, considerably less than had been expected, but Jacobs figured that $16,000 more was lost by the swarms who lined the high wall and through some 300 counterfeit tickets sold by scalpers.

BILL WATSON LISTED FOR PENN RELAYS

Will Compete In 3 Events

PHILADELPHIA, Apr. 27—Led by Bill Watson, Olympic prospect, Michigan's powerful track team, possessor of the Western Conference championship, will compete in fifteen events of the forty-fifth annual University of Pennsylvania Relay Carnival on April 28 and 29, Charles B. Hoyt, coach of the Maize and Blue, informed the manager of the meet, H. Jamison Swarts Friday.

The entry from Ann Arbor is the largest since 1904, when Michigan made its first appearance in the carnival and won its first titles.

Hoyt, concluding his final year

at Michigan before beginning his coaching career at Yale next fall, has entered teams in eight relay races and individuals in seven special events.

In Three Events

Watson, one of the greatest all around stars in Michigan history, will compete in three events, the broad jump, discus throw, and shot put. Last year he won the broad jump and finished second in both the shot put and discus throws.

Last year in the conference championships, Watson scored 18 points, one of the greatest individual efforts in the history of the meet. He won the broad jump, shot put, and discus and finished third in the high jump.

Ewell in Dash

Barney Ewell sensational Penn State college sprinter, will anchor the freshman team in the quarter mile relay. He will also compete in the special invitational 100-yard dash.

Mozel Ellerbe, prospective Olympic sprint candidate and regarded as the successor in the dashes to Jesse Owens, has been invited to compete in the 100-yard special.

Swarts, director of the two-day meet, announced that he had extended an invitation to the Tuskegee Institute star and eleven other sprinters to run in an event that has been a fixture on the relay program since 1899.

James Ward, of West Chester, will compete.

Drake Winner

Ellerbe, last year, was one o the sensations of the outdoor season. He won the hundred in the annual Drake games in 9.6 seconds, finished second in the Central Intercollegiate in 9.7 seconds and concluded a brilliant season by winning the National Collegiate century in 9.7 seconds.

The entry of Fordham in the one mile relay race of the carnival insures the event one of its fastest and most evenly matched fields since 1932.

New York university, Manhattan, Pittsburgh, winner last year; Michigan and Drake are among the teams which have made formal entry.

Indications point to a possible record breaking performance with Fordham, because of its sensational world's record smashing effort in the Dartmouth invitation meet regarded as the favorite.

Herbert With NYU

New York university which lost by a scant two feet to Fordham, has four of its fastest middle distance runners in the East who may upset predictions and win the championship. James McPoland, Martin Witte, Curtiss Giddings and James Herbert, of the Violets, finished second to Pittsburgh last year in a close race.

Pittsburgh, with John Woodruff running the anchor, should be a threat to the aspirations of both Fordham and New York university. Woodruff's teammate of last year, Frank Ohl, will start again, along with the newcomers, Art Thomas, former sprint star, who has developed into a speedy quarter miler and Clyde Graef, who can break 50 seconds for the quarter.

Team Sets Record

Last year, Woodruff running in Olympic form, won the 440 and 880-yard titles in the IC3A championships. In the Relay Carnival he indicated that he was reaching top form by running anchor on the Pittsburgh half mile, one mile and sprint medley teams that won championships. In the latter event Pittsburgh established a world's record of 3 minutes 24.5 seconds.

Bill Watson Wins Shot Put; Hampton Thrills In Mile Win

Those long legs of John Woodruff's, which have been a source of perpetual astonishment to the track world, returned to Franklin Field last weekend, and set the 45th annual Penn Relays in a dither.

With them Pittsburgh's Olympic champion did something that has never been done before! He anchored three victorious relay teams to triumph in the two days of the meet—and never once did it seem as though it was any more than a walk around the block to the nonchalant John.

Spectacular as these feats are in themselves, they were less spectacular to see.

For Long John brought something with him that he has never had before. He came laden with experience and wisdom and as a consequence his running was smoother and more studied than in the days when, with the hot breath of an unexpected challenger warming the back of his neck, he flapped down the straightaway like a giant ostrich.

Even so it stands out like the perispheare that John's straddling of the 220, 440 and 880 and running each as though he was a specialist at that particular distance, was a sight to behold and something for the track fan to tell his grandchildren of in days to come.

Added to these feats is the fact that in two of the relays new carnival marks were set and it is hard to conjecture that better times still might not have been the order of the day had Woodruff been really pushed home.

Added to these feats of athletic legerdemain were the exploits of many another Negro star whose entry in the Relays has come to mean stellar performances for the eye to see.

There were the excellent efforts of William Watson, captain of the Michigan track team, who set a new mark in the shot put and finished second in both the discus and the broad jump.

The superb Hampton Relay team which won the Teachers College mile in record time.

Lincoln university's crack mile relay squad which turned in one of the best races of the day in the class competition.

Curtis Giddings and Jimmy Herbert who brought the Violet of NYU into victory in the two mile relay.

And, of course, Mozelle Ellerbe, Tuskegee's contribution to the sprint world, who won the 100 yard dash in as good time as has been clocked on Franklin Field, even in the days of Jesse Owens.

These and other athletes less fortunate contributed color to the Relays in such a manner that the 35,000 spectators who viewed the running went home saturated with enthusiasm and weariness.

BERNIE JEFFERSON TO COACH AT N. C.

CHICAGO, May 4—(ANP)—Bernie Jefferson, [illegible] threat right halfback star on the Northwestern football teams for the last three seasons, has accepted a position as oach of North Carolina State, Durham. He graduates from Northwestern in June.

Originally Jefferson, who is taking a pre-medical course, said he would not coach but intended to return next year and finish his professional training. He plans to defer getting his doctor of medicine degree to a later date.

PROMINENT FIGURES A T HAMPTON "NATIONALS"

Cleveland Abbott greets former proteges. Left to right, Abbott, Franklyn Jackson, Lynchburg, Va.; Ernest McCampbell, Tuskegee and Kansas City, Mo., and Nathaniel Jackson. Frank Jackson is present national singles champion. He and his brother won the national doubles last year. McCampbell recently won the Missouri Valley singles crown.

LOWER LEFT. (Left to Right) Jimmy McDaniel and Richard Cohen. As a doubles team the two have never known defeat and McDaniel stunned the nation a few days ago by slapping down the supposedly invincible Dr. Reginald Weir of New York's uppercrust Weirs, 6-3, 6-0, and 6-1.

LOWER RIGHT. Record Seeking Reggie Weir, now a practicing surgeon in his native New York City, who hopes to equal the all time mark of five singles championships. He has never lost a set at the Nationals and no sepia player had ever beaten him until McDaniel turned the trick in Harlem week before last. All of these stars have a chance at Hampton now. (Journal and Guide Photos.)

The OBSERVATION —POST

—By—
DAVID WARD HOWE

ALL STAR GAMES HELP TO ELIMINATE RACE PREJUDICE

The Chicago Tribune, with the cooperation of hundreds of newspapers and radio stations in every section of the country, has completed a poll designed to select a squad of All-American football players. The All Stars, after a brief training period, will meet the New York Giants, professional champions in Chicago, on August 31.

Although the All-Star-Professional game has been an annual event for quite some time, this year was the first that any Race athletes have been selected as members of the squad. This year when the votes from every corner of the nation were tallied, three Race players had been named to the squad. They were Horace Bell of Minnesota, a guard; Bernard Jefferson of Northwestern, a halfback; and Jerome Holland of Cornell, an end.

The successful vote rolled up for the Race athletes may be attributed to their supporters in Chicago. Perhaps having in mind the experience of last year when two Race candidates, Ossie Simmons of Iowa and Dwight Reid of Minnesota failed to secure sufficient votes to place them on the team, Chicago's Race fans conducted an enthusiastic campaign in behalf of the three stars. Now that the men have been elected many of us are looking forward to their performance in this "star spangled classic"

Although many white persons throughout the country, and particularly alumni of the schools these three attended, cast their votes for them, it was nonetheless disappointing to note the attitude manifested by the press and particularly by the coaches toward the Race stars. As part of the publicity used in stimulating interest in the poll the sports editor of the Tribune printed the selections of the country's outstanding coaches. Almost without exception in naming the eleven men of their choice the coaches overlooked the Race lads.

COACHES FAIL TO BACK RACE CANDIDATES

The failure of an individual coach to include one of the Race lads on his All-American may not in itself indicate anything amiss; despite the fact that Holland of Cornell was listed on almost every such team last fall. However, the fact that practically every coach failed to name a Race star probably indicates that something else entered into their thinking other than the ability of the athletes. It must be conceded unusual that Holland could be widely accepted as All American in December and overlooked entirely in July.

Perhaps the fact that the contestants in this game are considered as the most promising professional material had something to do with the coaches' selections. A man who turns in an outstanding performance in this game is invariably "ballyhooed" as a find for the pro ranks. Accordingly it might be somewhat embarrassing to have a Race lad stand out in this game subsequently to attract attention to the fact that professional football draws the "color line." At any rate the coaches failed to show any enthusiasm for Holland, Bell or Jefferson and had it not been for the Race support none of these men would have been selected.

It will be interesting now to watch the outcome. Although the Race lads were not selected for the first team and starting line-up there is little doubt that one or all of them will play in the game. Elmer Layden's election as head coach assures us of that. Although Notre Dame does not admit Race students, Layden as coach does not share in this prejudice. Every Race fan in Pittsburgh where he formerly coached at Duquesne, will attest to the fact that he is interested solely in the ability and character of his players and not in their color—if the Race lads have the "makings" they can count on his support.

RACE STARS MAY CRACK BIG LEAGUE

If then a Race lad stands out in the game what will be the attitude of the owners of the professional teams? Will they then offer the Race star a chance to enter professional football or will they continue to draw the line?

The All Star game might well serve to arouse public sentiment behind a campaign to place Race men in the Pro League and if so, it will have served another fine purpose. Then, too, the game itself would probably benefit for there are many fans of all creeds and colors who have been awaiting a chance to see another brilliant performer like Duke Slater of the old Chicago team.

Among the many paradoxes arising out of race relations in America football produces this interesting one. Although neither the Chicago Bears or the Chicago Cardinals carry Race players on their rosters, both of the junior teams sponsored by the owners have little Race boys on the squads. We would be fortunate indeed if the adults would follow the example of the young.

Lula Hymes, Mates To Defend AAU Title

8-29-39

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Sixteen members of the Tuskegee Institute women's National A. A. U., Championship Track and Field Team, left the institute Monday to participate in the National A. A. U., championships which will be held at Waterbury, Conn., Sept. 3.

Lula Mae Hymes, of Atlanta, Georgia, Tuskegee senior, holder of the 100 meters run and running broad jump titles, and who ran the anchor leg on the 400 meters relay team, heads the list of Tuskegee's fine performers. This cinder-path phantom will defend her title in both events and will again run on the relay team. Her opposition will be exceedingly keen, for some of the best women athletes of the nation endeavor to wrest the crown from the Dixie marvel.

Rowena Harrison, born in the little town of Tuskegee, Ala., who ran to and from the Washington Public School which she attended, merely for joy of running, long before she ever thought that her talent on the cinderpath would lead her to national championship competition is another standout on the Tuskegee team. Celestine Birge will participate in the 50 meters run and in all probability will capture this event as she has a consistent practice record of 6.6 seconds and if pushed should better this time.

Other members of the Tuskegee group with excellent track records are Margaret Barnes, whose home is in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and who handles the javelin with proficiency, has established a fine record in the baseball throw; Hester Barbara Brown, Atlanta, 200 meters flash, and member of the "B" team, will see plenty of action for she can do several things well; Florence Wright, shot put artist; Hattie Hall, who hurls the discus; Leila Berry, hurdler; Augusta Butler, high jump; and Alice Coachman, also a high jumper.

While the Tuskegee championship relay team is expected to establish a new record in the 400 meters run, members of this group will have to step lively all the way for the greatest array of relay teams ever entered in this event will participate.

BURROWES DEFEATS BORICAN IN THE 440

Princeton Runner Is Victor at New Brunswick in 048.2, a Record for Jersey

ELBERON ATHLETES ON TOP

Shore A. C. Takes Team Crown With 116 Points—Winged Foot A. C., Newark, Next

By The Associated Press.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., June 24.—The Shore A. C. of Elberon rolled up 116 points in Rutgers University Stadium today to capture the team title in the annual New Jersey A. A. U. track and field championship.

The Newark A. C., winner of the crown last year, did not field a team today.

Second piace went to the Winged Foot A. C. of Newark with 61 points, while the Prudential A. A. of Newark was third with 10.

Hold Commanding Lead

With ten events completed, the victors held a commanding lead. Shut out only in two events—the pole vault and the two-mile walk—Shore A. C. athletes had piled up 52 points, 35 more than their nearest rivals from the Winged Foot A. C. The Prudential A. A. was in third place with 8 points.

Edward Burrowes Jr. of the Princeton University A. A. defeated John Borican, Negro middle-distance star of the Shore A. C., in a blazing quarter-mile final. Burrowes's time of 0:48.2 set a new State A. A. U. record.

Weather Conditions Ideal

George E. Little, director of athletics at Rutgers University and vice president of the State A. A. U., said ideal weather conditions and the excellent condition of the new Rutgers track were contributing factors to the record-breaking performance. He described the field as one of the best in years.

Times Wide World

FINISH OF THE 440-YARD RUN AT METROPOLITAN TITLE MEET

Jimmy Herbert, the defending champion, beating Johnny Quigley by two feet in 0:49.4

THE SUMMARIES

TRACK EVENTS

440-Yard Run—Won by Edward Burrowes Jr., Princeton University A. A.; second, John Borican, Shore A. A.; third, Albert Rogers, Shore A. C.; fourth, Albert Slack, Warinanco A. C. Time—0:48.2 (new State A. A. U. record; old mark, 0:49.8, held jointly by Roy Smith, Asbury Park A. C., and Al McGraw, Newark A. C.).

One-Mile Run—Won by Wayne Rideout, Shore A. C.; second, Walter Cary, Shore A. C.; third, Emery G. Wingerter, unattached; fourth, Tom Thorn, Rider College A. A. Time—4:14.1 (new State record; old mark, 4:23.8, set by Howard P. Dawson, Princeton University, in 1932).

120-Yard High Hurdles—Won by George L. Foster, Winged Foot A. C.; second, Claude Paxton, Shore A. C.; third, Horacio Quinones, Shore A. C.; fourth, Elijah Gordon, Winged Foot A. C. Time—0:14.7 (new State record; old mark, 0:15, set by Charles Summerhill, Princeton University, in 1932).

One-Mile Relay—Won by Shore A. C. (Joe Bristow, Robert Burke, John Borican, Thomas Flagg); second, Warinanco A. C.; third, Winged Foot A. C. B Team; fourth, Winged Foot A. C. A Team. Time—3:23.9.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—Won by Gilder Farrow, Shore A. C.; second, Alfred Cook, Winged Foot A. C.; third, George Foster, Winged Foot A. C.; fourth, Elijah Gordon, Winged Foot A. C. Time—0:24.2.

100-Yard Dash—Won by Eulace Peacock, Shore A. C.; second, Thomas Flagg, Shore A. C.; third, Hoax Brown, Shore A. C.; fourth, Edward Haug, Prudential A. A. Time—0:09.7 (new State record is 0:09.6, set by Peacock in qualifying heat; old mark, 0:09.8, set in 1938 by William Moss, Shore A. C.).

440-Yard Low Hurdles—Won by John Borican, Shore A. C.; second, Gilder Farrow, Shore A. A.; third, Joseph Bristow, Shore A. C.; fourth, James Farrell, unattached. Time—0:54.2 (new state record; old mark, 0:55.8, set in 1930 by John A. Gibson, Bloomfield).

Three-Mile Run—Won by Walter Borcher, Shore A. C.; second, Robert Hanlon, Irish-American A. C.; third, Vincent Carbevale, Irish-American A. C.; fourth, Louis Balg, Irish-American A. C. Time—15:40.1.

220-Yard Dash—Won by Albert Rogers, Shore A. C.; second, Thomas Flagg, Shore A. C.; third, Eulace Peacock, Shore A. C.; fourth, Harry Banks, Winged Foot A. C. Time—0:21.7.

Two-Mile Run—Won by Al Cicerone, Prudential A. A.; second, Leo Schepel, Polish Falcons A. C.; third, Donald Predmore, Prudential A. A.; fourth, Carl Krowicki, unattached. Time—15:21.4 (new State record; old mark, 16:33.5, set in 1937 by Conrad Skladal, Polish Falcons).

880-Yard Run—Won by Wayne Rideout, Shore A. C.; second, James Fish, Winged Foot A. C.; third, Seymour Hundley, Shore A. C.; fourth, Elwood Wollenschlager, Prudential A. A. Time—1:55. (New State record; old mark, 1:59.2, set in 1936 by Paul Fay, Franciscan Lyceum.)

FIELD EVENTS

Pole Vault—Won by Michael Mirabella, Winged Foot A. C.; second, William Barrett, Winged Foot A. C.; third, Ivar Akerbloom, Irish-American A. C.; fourth, Clayton Hjelstrom, Winged Foot A. C. Height—11 feet 10¾ inches.

Javelin—Won by Bernard Schlanger, Winged Foot A. C.; second, Michael Di Maio, Winged Foot A. C.; third, Edward Murphy, Shore A. C.; fourth, Harold Love, Shore A. C. Distance—175 feet 9¼ inches.

56-Pound Weight Throw—Won by Milton Guskind, Shore A. C.; second, Thomas Budd, Shore A. C.; third, Joseph Murray, Shore A. C.; fourth, Steve Weisch, Prudential A. A. Distance—31 feet 11 inches.

Discus—Won by Joseph Murray, Shore A. C.; second, Thomas Budd, Shore A. C.; third, Taylor Culbert, Winged Foot A. C.; fourth, Fred Frohbose Jr., unattached. Distance—140 feet 8¾ inches.

Hop, Step and Jump—Won by William Ray Winged Foot A. C.; second, John Robinson, Winged Foot A. C.; third, Ernest Brown, Winged Foot A. C.; fourth, Claude Paxton, Shore A. C. Distance—43 feet 8⅝ inches.

16-Pound Hammer Throw—Won by Joseph Murray, Shore A. C.; second, Milton Guskind, Shore A. C.; third, Ralph Murray, Winged Foot A. C.; fourth, Thomas Budd, Shore A. C. Distance—159 feet 2⅞ inches.

High Jump—Won by Juan Luyanda, Shore A. C.; second, Alex Edwards, Winged Foot A. C.; tie for third among Robert Chant, Winged Foot A. C., and Kenneth Whitney and Harry Sperling, both of Shore A. C. Height—6 feet 4¼ inches.

Broad Jump—Won by John Robinson, Winged Foot A. C.; second, Claude Paxton, Shore A. C.; third, Ernest Brown, Winged Foot A. C.; fourth, Walter Kuzianik, unattached. Distance—22 feet 5 inches.

16-Pound Shot—Won by William Tranavitch, Rutgers University; second, Ferman Skelton, Shore A. C.; third, Sidney Rosberger, Shore A. C.; fourth, Philip Bogdanovitch, unattached. Distance, 45 feet 10¼ inches.

THE POINT SCORE

Shore A. C.	116	Rutgers	5
Winged Foot A. C	61	Warinanco A. C.	4
Prudential A. A.	10	Polish Falcons	3
Irish-Amer. A. C.	8	Rider College A.A.	1
Princeton Univ.	5	Unattached	6

Hanauer Wins 13 of 15 Tests

Milton Hanauer, former New York State chess champion and director of the American Chess Federation, played simultaneously against a picked team of fifteen from the two local interscholastic chess leagues at the Marshall Chess Club yesterday. He won thirteen games and lost two. K. Domovs of the champion New Utrecht High School team and J. Langfelder of Boys High outplayed the expert.

Scratching the Surface After 100 Years

THAT great American game, baseball, this year is observing its one-hundredth anniversary, but like most all All-American activities the true American is not allowed to take any part in the observance of the national pastime.

Looking back on the progress the game has made since founded by Abner Doubleday, it is interesting to note how it has completely taken over the American public, spread into South America, the Orient, and Cuba affording millions with pleasurable relaxation and employment to thousands of others.

However, there is a sour note in the observance when one reflects on the tradition of the game, intended to promote true sportsmanship, hinging on rank discrimination against Negro baseball players, and consistent and successful efforts in denying them the privilege of entering upon an equal

and competitive basis, according to mental aptitude and physical fitness.

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Other fields of athletics are gradually breaking the barrier of racial discrimination. In some sections of the country, Negro stars are competing in tennis and golf tournaments, in track and field, on the gridiron, in basketball and on down the line. Baseball seems to be the most stubborn of all, but, it too, can be cracked, and it will be.

Colored baseball fans have the key to the situation, but are too afraid of offending some one by demanding what is rightfully theirs. It is time that they decide to have representatives in the big time, and equal accommodations at baseball parks in return for their unstinted patronage and contribution in helping make the one-hundredth anniversary of the game a success.

ON THE SCOREBOARD

By Lester Rodney

BEHIND THE SCENES

Let's take a look at the dressing room of the world's heavyweight champion fighter a few minutes after he's won a fight.

A long line of cops keeps out all those without the special working press dressing room pass or photographer's pass. Inside Joe Louis sits up on the low rubbing table while the photographers bang away like mad and call for his right fist clenched, his left, a smile, a frown, and what have you. Reporters hastily scribbling the answers for their morning paper lean over him and fire questions that range all the way to the somewhat silly "Did it hurt when you got knocked down?" Joe thinks over each question and tries to answer it right. "Wasn't it a right to the body that knocked you down in the third, Joe?" . . . "Uh, uh—that was a left hook right here on the jaw." "But Joe, it looked like a right to the stomach." Joe smiles and holds his jaw, "It was a left hook." Reporters on the outside of the circle frantically call in, "What did he say? A left hook?" And scribble it down. Sports-writers come barging in at intervals for a quick handshake of congratulations. "Great fight, Joe." "Thanks, Tom. Glad you liked it." He knows almost all the scribes by their first name after four years of the boxing spotlight.

Still Modest

The first rush of pictures and rapid fire questions over, the cameras and the morning paper men drifting out, the place takes on a more relaxed, natural air. Joe takes a shower and comes back to lie down while trainer Blackburn and a handler work over his muscles. Reporters and friends still drift in with questions and congratulations. He takes them all in stride. Sometimes a quick smile breaks across his face as he answers a question that strikes him as funny. He's gained a lot of poise since he was a gangling kid of 19 without formal education thrust into the limelight, but there's still a reticence about talking too much about himself that can only be real modesty. He's more talkative on almost any other subject. No reporter ever got a boastful or vain glorious statement from him, or anything but a well-rounded appraisal of his opponent.

A stout, walrus mustached man comes in and walks over to Joe, now on his stomach having his back rubbed. He bends down and smilingly wags a reproving finger in Joe's face, "Care-less-s-s boy!" Joe smiles broadly as he shakes hands and says, "Well, Doctor, we can't duck 'em all." Barney Ross comes in still babbling incoherently about what a great fight it was. He's so excited that as he talks he begins a rapid fire kneading of Joe's leg muscles in rhythm with Blackburn.

Finally Joe dresses and glances over the early fight edition of the News. You can't be sure, but there looks like just a wee bit of quiet self-satisfaction in the way he regards the banner headlines.

An excited looking youngster with a lump over his eye, pale and breathing fast, comes in with one of Louis' handlers. "Joe, this is Tommy Tucker, the boy who fought after your fight. He wants to meet you." Tommy shakes hands enthusiastically. "I'm sure glad I got this chance to meet you, Joe. It's a real thrill to me." "Thanks," replies Joe. "How'd you do tonight?" "Well I had Dorazio on the floor but they called it a draw. But, boy, you were good."

A police lieutenant comes in, wipes the sweat off his brow, pulls off his glove and shakes hands with Joe. "Great fight, Joe. Great fight."

Making the Movies

In the adjoining room sound news cameramen have set up three cameras, a mess of lights and wiring and one of them is standing behind the mike so that the technicians can get the lights right. Joe steps in. "Watch the wires, Joe. They're all over the floor. Come over here. We'll pop a few questions." Joe takes the spot indicated before the mike and each of the three calls for him to hold it while they get the proper focus. The "director" tells Joe, "Just a few questions, Joe. Answer just what you think and want to say." They call for complete silence and the "director" says, "Now Joe, what about a rematch with Galento. Would that be O.K. with you?" A few minutes before reporters putting that question to Roxborough and Black, Joe's managers, had been told, "We don't see the call for a rematch. The man was knocked out in four rounds." But Joe is on his own here, and there's no script. Easily and naturally he begins his answer, raising his voice after a few words as the sound man waves his arm upward. "Sure I'd fight him again if he wanted a return match and the public wanted to see it." A few more questions on the fight follow and then they tell him to hold it a minute while they prepare to do the same thing over again.

"Joe," calls one of the sweating cameramen busy over his machine, "you're getting too good. Boy, that's Hollywood stuff." Joe smiles broadly. Aside the cameraman says, "Wish they were all as easy and nice to work with."

The repeat is made with the same questions asked, still with no script, and Joe comes remarkably close to duplicating his first answers, expanding on one or two of them this time. "That's swell, Joe. Thanks a lot." "Thank you—so long."

Joe, his managers, trainers and a few friends and the couple of newspapermen who were in on the movie shot, follow a police detail through to the club offices exit on the West side of the Stadium. As he steps out there is a tremendous roar of applause from the crowd being held back by cops. He waves and gets into the car. A woman passer-by comments to a young cop, "Isn't it silly for all these people to wait for a glimpse of him?" The cop grins, "No sillier than all those people waiting to see the King and Queen, lady." She has no answer to that one.

The Louis car pulls out and as it starts down the street while the crowd cheers, a couple fo poorly dressed young Negro boys spring out, tap the back window pane, swish their fists through the air jubilantly and yell, "Thatabcy, Joe!" Joe pushes his own big fist up against the window pane and nods smilingly with them as the car pulls away.

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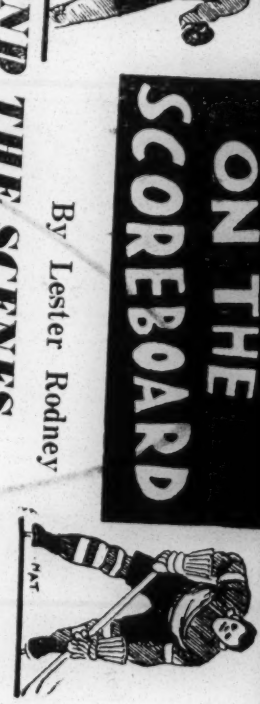
Other fields of athletics are gradually breaking the barrier of racial discrimination. In some sections of the country, Negro stars are competing in tennis and golf tournaments, in track and field, on the gridiron, in basketball and on down the line. Baseball seems to be the most stubborn of all, but it too, can be cracked, and it will be.

Colored baseball fans have the key to the situation, but are too afraid of offending some one by demanding what is rightfully their unstinted patronage and contribution in helping make the one-hundredth anniversary of the game a success.

ON THE SCOREBOARD



By Lester Rodney

BEHIND THE SCENES

Let's take a look at the dressing room of the world's heavyweight champion fighter a few minutes after he's won a fight.

A long line of cops keeps out all those without the special working press dressing room pass or photographer's pass. Inside Joe Louis sits rubbing table while the photographers bang away like mad and call for his right fist clenched, his left, a smile, a frown, his body that knocked you down in the third, Joe?" . . . was a left hook right here on the jaw." "But Joe, it right to the stomach." Joe smiles and holds his jaw, hook." Reporters on the outside of the circle frantically did he say? A left hook?" And scribble it down. Sportsbarging in at intervals for a quick handshake of con- 'Great fight, Joe." "Thanks, Tom. Glad you liked it." ost all the scribes by their first name after four years spotlight.

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Joe thinks over each question and tries to answer it right. "Wasn't it a right to the body that knocked you down in the third, Joe?" . . . looked like a right to the morning paper men drifting out, the place takes on a "It was a left hook right here on the jaw." "But Joe, it way to the somewhat silly "Did it hurt when you got knocked down?" "Uh, uh—that was call in, "What did h writers come barg gratulations. "Grea He knows almost al of the boxing spotlig

Still Modest

The first rush of relaxed, natural air. while trainer Blackbu and friends still drift and the morning pa as he answers a ques of poise since he wa glorious statement fro of his opponent.

A stout, walrus mustached man comes in and walks over to Joe, now on his stomach having his back rubbed. He bends down and smilingly wags a reproving finger in Joe's face, "Careless-s-s boy!" Joe smiles broadly as he shakes hands and says, "Well, Doctor, we can't duck 'em all." Barney Ross comes in still babbling incoherently about what a great fight it was. He's so excited that as he talks he begins a rapid fire kneading of Joe's leg muscles in rhythm with Blackburn.

Finally Joe dresses and glances over the early fight edition of the News. You can't be sure, but there looks like just a wee bit of quiet self-satisfaction in the way he regards the banner headlines.

An excited looking youngster with a lump over his eye, pale and breathing fast, comes in with one of Louis' handlers. "Joe, this is Tommy Tucker, the boy who fought after your fight. He wants to meet you." Tommy shakes hands enthusiastically. "I'm sure glad I got this chance to meet you, Joe. It's a real thrill to me." "Thanks," replies Joe. "How'd you do tonight?" "Well I had Dorazio on the floor but they called it a draw. But, boy, you were good."

A police lieutenant comes in, wipes the sweat off his brow, pulls off his glove and shakes hands with Joe. "Great fight, Joe. Great fight."

In the adjoining room sound news cameramen have set up three cameras, a mess of lights and wiring and one of them is standing behind the mike so that the technicians can get the lights right. Joe steps in. "Watch the wires, Joe. They're all over the floor. Come on over here. We'll pop a few questions." Joe takes the spot indicated before the mike and each of the three calls for him to hold it while they get the proper focus. The "director" tells Joe, "Just a few questions, Joe. Answer just what you think and want to say." They call for complete silence and the "director" says, "Now Joe, what about a rematch with Galento. Would that be O.K. with you?" A few minutes before reporters putting that question to Roxborough and Black, Joe's managers, had been told, "We don't see the call for a rematch. The man was knocked out in four rounds." But Joe is on his own here, and there's no script. Easily and naturally he begins his answer, raising his voice after a few words as the sound man waves his arm upward. "Sure I'd fight him again if he wanted a return match and the public wanted to see it." A few more questions on the fight follow and then they tell him to hold it a minute while they prepare to do the same thing over again.

"Joe," calls one of the sweating cameramen busy over his machine, "you're getting too good. Boy, that's Hollywood stuff." Joe smiles broadly. Aside the cameraman says, "Wish they were all as easy and nice to work with."

The repeat is made with the same questions asked, still with no script, and Joe comes remarkably close to duplicating his first answers, expanding on one or two of them this time. "That's swell, Joe. Thanks a lot." "Thank you—so long."

Joe, his managers, trainers and a few friends and the couple of newspapermen who were in on the movie shot, follow a police detail through to the club offices exit on the West side of the Stadium. As he steps out there is a tremendous roar of applause from the crowd being held back by cops. He waves and gets into the car. A woman passer-by comments to a young cop, "Isn't it silly for all these people to wait for a glimpse of him?" The cop grins. "No sillier than all those people waiting to see the King and Queen, lady." She has no answer to that one.

The Louis car pulls out and as it starts down the street while the crowd cheers, a couple fo poorly dressed young Negro boys spring out, tap the back window pane, swish their fists through the air jubilantly and yell, "Thatataboy, Joe!" Joe pushes his own big fist up against the window pane and nods smilingly with them as the car pulls away.

Making the Movies

SPORTS- 1939

Petition Protest Ban On Negro Ball Players

NEW YORK—A petition protesting the ban against Race baseball players in the major leagues was circulated July 4 at the city's ball parks.

"The YCL already has collected 10,000 signatures," John Little, New York State executive secretary announced, "and expects to reach a total of 100,000 signatures."

"Baseball is an American game of American origin," Little told some of the young men and women who will circulate the petitions, "and in the main it has lived up to sportsman like democratic traditions. But the unwritten law which bans Negro stars from major league diamonds is a shame. It should be recorded as a big error on the game's scorecard."

Pointing out that our players would help revive the game, Little declared that "The Yanks' monopoly would fade when this fresh crop of American athletes are permitted to enter the [illegible]. The best proof of this," Little stated, "is the excellent record which Negro athletes have achieved in other fields of sports such as track, boxing, football and basketball."

"Negro stars like Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige and Johnny Taylor would be an asset to the weaker teams," Little said. He quoted Joe DiMaggio as saying "Satchell Paige is the best pitcher I have ever faced." Dizzy Dean referred to Paige as "a better pitcher than any in the major leagues today," according to Little.

"The Young Communist League believes that the best way of celebrating the 100th anniversary of America's national pastime, and the traditions of July 4th, is to remove the unsportsmanlike ban against Negroes in the major leagues," Little said.

Negro Athletes Rate Same Break in Organized Baseball That They Get in British Cricket

By Norman Seamore

Josh Gibson is the greatest catcher living today. He can make at least a dozen of the big league receivers look amateurish by comparison. He is a consistent .300 hitter, but Josh Gibson isn't allowed to play big league ball. You see, Josh Gibson is a Negro.

George Headley is the greatest batsman in cricket today. He is the only an to score a double century (driving in more than 100 runs 2 days running), in all history of British Cricket test matches. George Headley is allowed to play in the English "World Series", and like Josh Gibson, he is a Negro.

All of which makes us wonder whether the big shots who control American baseball really possess that great quality of sportsmanship they like to boast about. Certainly those who run English cricket have been more democratic and sportsmanlike than our baseball hot shots.

For over forty years a silent campaign has been going on to keep Negroes out of organized baseball. Before the formation of the two major leagues mixed teams of Negroes and Whites were common throughout the country. But with the organization of baseball an unwritten law was passed to the effect that Negroes were to be barred from our National game, forever.

Negro ball players as great as ever continued to come forth on the baseball horizon, but they couldn't pass through those Jim-Crow bars into the ranks of big league ball. Mixed teams were no more, and the Negroes formed teams of their own to tour the country in exhibition games.

Occasionally a sports writer who recognized great talent and saw these Negroes in action would ask the big league owners why Negroes were barred from organized baseball. The moguls would whisper "sh, sh, sh," and dismiss the question by mentioning the unwritten law, and the fact that the fans wouldn't stand for watching Negroes playing with Whites, and besides the players would NEVER live with Negroes, let alone play with them. The sportswriter usually accepted the answer and went his merry way, the question laying dead until another discerning sports writer popped it.

Meanwhile at the end of each season the big league ball players, the majority of whom were miserably underpaid, would form teams at the end of their regular season and engage the top ranking Negro teams in exhibition games to pick up some extra money. Some of the greatest big league players like Babe Ruth, Gehrig, Alexander and others appeared in these post season games, and what surprised everybody was the fact that the Negro boys won more than 75 per cent of these games. The press didn't choose to print the results of these games very often with the result that all the fans didn't really know what happened

The thousands of fans who did see those games, however, did realize what was happening, and the question was asked more and more often and with more force. WHY ARE THE GREAT NEGRO BALL PLAYERS BARRED FROM BIG LEAGUE BALL? In the early 1930's Judge Landis decided to put an end to that embarrassing question once and for all. The venerable Judge prohibited the Major Leaguers from forming teams of their own for for barnstorming purposes. The players could make guest appearances with semi-pro and minor league clubs but couldn't form a team exclusively of big leaguers. This insured the avoidance of tasting defeat by Negroes.

The question was forgotten again for a while but recently liberal and wide awake sports writers and fans have been asking it again. The players have answered, as you will soon learn, by saying that they would welcome playing with such men as Josh Gibson. The fans who are as sportsmanlike as the big league moguls would like to be have indicated their desire to see these Negro stars by signing petitions and writing to the club owners.

The only legitimate reason for barring Negroes would be the fact that they aren't good enough to play in the Majors. But Dizzy Dean, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio and others have attested to their ability. Let's force the big league owners to recognize the great Negro stars by getting all those petitions signed—and real soon. Getting Negroes to play in the big time will mean a powerful boost for democracy.

'Dat Wasn't No Man-- Dat Was a Tigah,' Boss

Constitution 7-20-39

Pa Stribling Recalls How Tiger Flowers Was Discovered as Fighting Stevedore.

Atlanta Ga.

By THAD HOLT.

"And in this corner," boomed Announcer Fat Elrod, "we have Young Tiger Flowers."

Pa Stribling, sitting there at ringside for the Elmer Ray-Leroy Haynes fight at the ball park Tuesday night, let a far-off look creep into his eyes and repeated slowly, almost under his breath—"Tiger Flowers . . . Tiger Flowers. There—was a fighter."

Then turning to his companionin Atlanta.'

he asked, "Did you ever hear the story of how Tiger Flowers was discovered?" The answer was no, and so completely ignoring the clumsy efforts of the fighter in the ring who had taken the name of a great ring warrior of another day, Pa Stribling told this story:

"Down at Brunswick, Ga., where the stevedores loaded the ships with cotton, the men liked a little amusement when they knocked off for lunch time. Some of the boys got to putting on the gloves and the sport proved so popular that soon it became a daily attraction and lured people from miles around.

ONE STANDS OUT.

"Always there was one young negro who stood out above the rest. He had been taught nothing, yet he had a natural gift for fighting that made him far and away the master of his opponents. His footwork and all-around skill attracted praise from all sides.

"Foremen secretly slipped away from Brunswick and hired the toughtest negroes they could find and put them into the ring with the young Brunswick sensation. Always it was the same story. Young Flowers was a natural. He hit too fast and too hard. Brunswick business men began to realize that in this quiet, polite little negro they had something. They wanted to find out just how good was Flowers. And so they sent a message to Walt Miller, who was handling a stable of fighters and running a gymnasium in Atlanta. 'Send us the best you've got," said the wire. 'We've got a wonderful boy down here and we would like to put on a 20-round fight.'

"Walt Miller had a tough, game negro named Billy Hooper. Many old-time fight fans will remember him. Miller called Billy and said—'I want you to go down to Brunswick. They have a country boy down there who they think can fight. Take it easy for a few rounds. Don't hurt him at first. Then knock his ears off about the sixth round. And hurry back. I've got some work for you to do here

A WEEK LATER.

"It was a week later that Billy Hooper, bandaged and bruised and barely able to walk, knocked meekly on Walt Miller's door.

"'Where in blazes have you been and what happened to you,' roared Walt. 'I told you to go down and flatten that hayseed and come on back. And what in sam hill are you doing all bandaged up?'

"'Boss,' moaned Billy Hooper in tones hardly audible through riddled lips. 'You sent me down dere to fight a man. Dat wasn't no man. No sir, dat wasn't no man. Dat was a tigah!'

"Walt Miller believed what he saw. He caught the next train for Brunswick and brought the Flowers boy back with him. And sure enough, Billy Hooper was right. He was a tigah. And the name stuck.

"Tiger Flowers, there was a fighter," said Pa.

Colored Lad Wins Horseshoe Pitching Tournament In N. Y.

Age 7-22-39

A dispute over the method of determining the winner, lent added spice to the city-wide finals of the Horseshoe Pitching Tournament at the Heckscher Playground in Central Park last Saturday. Arthur Wracks, colored, of 260-A Tompkins avenue, Brooklyn, was finally adjudged the winner after he had finished with a total ringer average of .611.

John Federico, runner-up with a percentage of .511, refused to accept second prize charging that the awards should not have been made on a percentage basis. T. P. O'Gara and Melville Daus, judges, refused to allow Federico's claim pointing out that an announcement to the effect that the tourney would be decided on a percentage basis had been made before the match started. Federico left the park in a huff, after refusing to give his address.

The winner received a handsome gold medal and will later receive an additional award in the shape of an athletic shirt.

NOT BROKE, SAYS OWENS

Courier

World's Fastest Human Tells Why He Went Bankrupt.

7-29-39

ST. LOUIS, July 27—(By ANP)—Jesse Owens, Olympic star and "world's fastest human," is far from broke, although he recently went through bankruptcy court.

Here last week with the Pittsburgh Crawfords which played the Belleville Stags in a night game, Owens said his circumstances were very good. He asserted he owns a part interest in the baseball team and gives running exhibitions at athletic meets, fairs, baseball games and other events to provide a steady source of income.

Because he reportedly made some $50,000 in the presidential campaign of 1936, his filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy proved surprising.

"I did that," the famous athlete said, "to avoid unjust judgment. Three years ago I became co-signer of a note for $20,000 which was to be used to produce a show in New York. Another co-signer took the money and disappeared. After action was filed against me, I filed a bankuruptcy petition in order to avoid unfair judgment."

Play N. Y. Giants On Aug. 30

Defender 7-29-39

Chicago Tel.

Brud Holland, All-American end on Cornell university's great football team for the last three years, Horace Bell, University of Minnesota guard, and Bernie Jefferson, the Grand Rapids, Mich., halfback on the Northwestern university Wildcat eleven for three years, have all been nominated by the sport loving public for participation on the Chicago Tribune All-Star squad against the professional champions, the New York Giants on Wednesday night, August 30, at Soldiers Field.

In the final tabulation of the votes, Holland was fourth for position as end with a total of 728,386.

Bell, whose home is in Akron, Ohio, and who is the brother of Head Coach William Bell of Florida A. and M. college, Tallahassee, Fla., was seventh for guard position with a total of 618,592 and Jefferson was seventh among the halfbacks with a total of 597,827.

The South side citizens committee which worked night and day thanks the numerous organizations which helped them to pile up the big vote.

The Chicago Defender which turned in over 40,000 votes for these three players thanks its readers, friends and helpers who rallied to the cause.

Here were three men who had so conducted themselves on the field of play and in the classrooms as well as about the campuses of their universities in such a fashion that the honor of becoming a member of the Tribune's All Star squad was rightfully their's.

Bell will join his brother as an assistant in Tallahassee after the game here. Jefferson, who has been offered a coaching job at North Carolina Agriculture and Mechanical college at Greensboro, N. C., is not quite decided as to whether he will accept the position or not.

Holland has been offered a teaching position at Lincoln university in Pennsylvania which carries an assistant coaching assignment with it.

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Roper Surprises by Outweighing Louis

LOUIS AT 201¼ AND ROPER 204¾

Expected to Scale Only 198 Pounds, Challenger Weighs More Than Champion

JACK WEARS HEAVY BEARD

'Not Going Anywhere,' He Tells Friends as He Disclaims Intention to Shave

By The Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—Heavyweight champion Joe Louis tipped the scales at 201¼ and Jack Roper, veteran challenger for the world title, hit 204¾ pounds as they weighed in at noon today for their ten-round bout at Wrigley Field tonight. Roper's poundage had been expected to be only 197 or 198.

Louis, still a 10-to-1 favorite to defeat the 36-year-old contender, was as somber as ever during the weighing-in ceremonies. Roper arrived alone, joked and chatted with friends and seemed completely at ease. Wearing a heavy beard, he was asked if he intended to shave before the fight.

"Naw," he drawled. "Why should I? I'm not going anywhere."

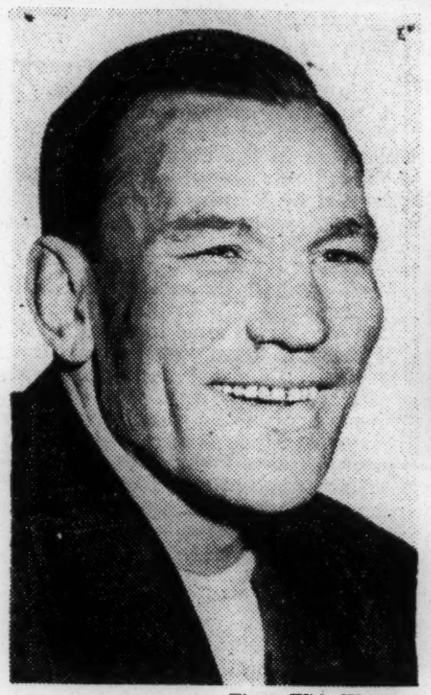
Weight Cheers Admirers

Roper's weight brought cheer to his small but faithful band of admirers. Many feared his six-week training stint might have drawn him too fine, but the extra pounds tended to dispel this anxiety.

Little worry ever had been expressed for Louis, whose sixth title defense most experts figured would prove little different from the previous ones.

Mike Jacobs of New York and Tom Gallery of Los Angeles, co-promotors of the first heavyweight championship bout in Los Angeles history, beamed under sunny skies and the prospect of cool, clear weather for an anticipated turnout of more than 30,000.

PRINCIPALS IN BOUT FOR HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE



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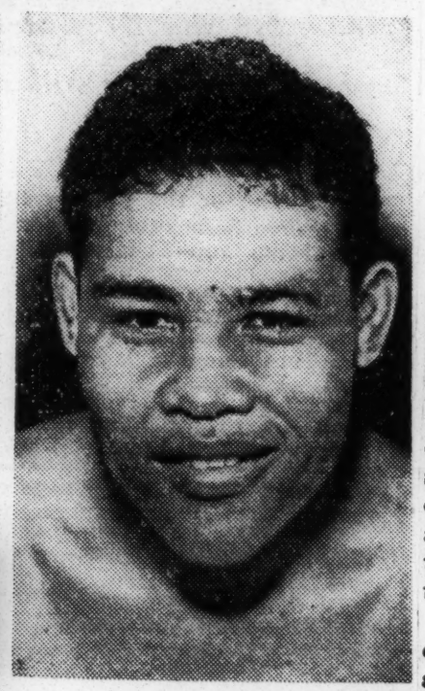
Jack Roper



Times Wide World

Joe Louis

Roper Has Hard Left

Supporters of Louis remained confident he would polish Roper off before four rounds, but few discounted the possibilities of what might happen if the rugged old warrior connected with his feared left hook. It was this faint chance, and little more, that attracted thousands to the match.

George V. Blake, veteran California referee, was the third man in the ring.

Sports of the Times

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

By JOHN KIERAN

Lightning in the Distance

OUT on the Coast Uncle Mike Jacobs was heard to mutter that there "might be a surprise" in the fight between Shufflin' Joe Louis and Jack Roper that is scheduled for tonight at Wrigley Field in Los Angeles.

There is always the chance of a surprise when "two strong men stand face to face." But the Louis-Roper situation is one that might furnish any number of possible surprises. In the first place, Roper might not show up. There are many citizens who think that would be rather sensible on his part. According to the available vital statistics, Jack Roper is a dozen years or more older than the Shuffler and never yet has done anything in the ring to warrant the suspicion that he will be wearing the heavyweight crown tomorrow, weather permitting.

Those who know Roper best say that he is a competent electrician. He knows his ohms and amperes and kilowatt-hours and he can fix a dormant doorbell or an angry magneto with neatness and dispatch. But unless he has some secret scheme for electrocuting Louis, his chances for success seem slim in this boxing engagement.

Just to See Louis

There are many indignant citizens who want to know why any such bout is permitted in any civilized community. That's easy. For the money, of course. Win, lose or draw, both fighters will collect.

Harking back to the hint of a possible surprise mentioned by Uncle Mike Jacobs, it will be a surprise to most boxing fans if Roper lasts more than two rounds against the Dark Destroyer. What is there about any such prospect to cause a crowd to gather? Why, the desire to see Joe Louis dealing out his dark lightning. Even a man wracked with sobs over the destruction of the victim has to admire the terrific power and precision of the Dark Destroyer.

Remember the era of Bob Jones, Bill Tilden, Babe Ruth, Jack Dempsey and Man o' War? They said we never would see the like of those shining stars again. About ten years from now middle-aged citizens will be scanning the sports field with disdain and remarking:

"You should have seen Joe Louis and Joe DiMaggio and Don Budge and Ralph Guldahl—the greatest athletic galaxy of history—and all at one time! Those were the days."

The Big Bad Baer

Just the other day Max Addled-a-bit Baer went off to his training camp lugging a golf bag under his arm. He is scheduled to fight Lou Nova, but, as usual, he was talking about Joe Louis. He also mentioned Two-Ton Tony Galento laughingly, but the Dark Destroyer was his main topic, and he said he hoped nothing would happen to Shufflin' Joe in this bout on the Coast. He hopes to meet Louis later. Or perhaps "hopes" is the wrong word.

But the sight of Madcap Max with the golf bag under his arm gave rise to the thought that there might be method in his madness. If he could get permission to carry a No. 5 iron into the ring with him when, as and if he meets Louis again, his chances for victory would be much brightened. Of course, even with a No. 5 iron Madcap Max would have to get in the first blow or his fate would be sealed. A whole bag of clubs and a fore-caddie as an assistant wouldn't do Maximilian Addled-a-bit Baer much good after the Shuffler caressed him once on the chin with a robust right or a lethal left.

At that, the still hilarious Harlequin of Hollywood probably would draw a bigger crowd with Louis than any other nominee they could shove in there. Madcap Max has color and size and strength, and he might have been a fairly good fighter if he had taken some boxing lessons seriously. Or if he really liked to fight. It's the notion here that, for real good fun, Max prefers almost any other game.

Enough Is Too Much

Madcap Max was in some bouts that bored him. They lasted too long. He fought old Paolin Uzcudun under a hot sun for twenty rounds, and for the last ten of those rounds Madcap Max was just hanging around waiting for the loser's end of the gate receipts.

He fought Tommy Farr here in the Garden about a year ago and won the decision too. But that bout was too long to suit him. He was bouncing Tommy around more than a trifle. He floored the Welshman in the fourth with his left hand, this being the first time in his career that he ever did any notable act of violence with his left. Even so, it was a fifteen-round bout and Farr was a stubborn gent, Apparently he didn't mind taking punches, whereas Madcap Max was wearied of dealing them out. In the last two or three rounds the Big Bad Baer was watching the clock with longing eyes.

If it had been a finish fight, it's the opinion in this corner that the finish would have been a pusuit race down Eighth Avenue, with Farr doing the pursuing and Baer setting the pace.

Protesting the Program

Madcap Max says lightly that he will dispose of Lou Nova without much trouble and he expects Joe Louis to handle Roper and Galento in the same decisive way. Perhaps Baer can beat Nova. Lou is a nice young fellow with a torso like Tunney, but not a head like Gene's. Furthermore, the resemblance between Nova and Dempsey or Louis never was striking in action.

For this and other reasons it may be that Maximilian is calling it right when he says he will dispose of Nova and leave it to Louis to blast the globular Galento out of the way to clear the path for the great Louis-Baer bout (return engagement) in the Autumn.

But the program as arranged doesn't suit this observer at all. In the first place, Baer vs. Nova doesn't sound too exciting. In the second place, Louis vs. Galento is distasteful. But Madcap Max vs. Two-Ton Tony—there would be a spectacle that would amuse everybody. Maybe they will get around to it yet. This observer can hardly wait.

But just a moment. It's just a faint, far, outside chance, but that Roper gent, the elderly electrician, might throw a high-voltage shot to short-circuit Joe Louis and black-out the program as now arranged. That would come close to being the Laugh of the Century.

The President's Message

Below is printed the initial message sent to the sporting public of Oklahoma City by the president of the newly organized Douglass Athletic Association, Jimmy Stewart. A city-wide mass meeting is to be held here in the Douglass high school auditorium March 28.

Want Citizens' Support of D. A. A.

I sincerely hope that the people of Oklahoma City will join our group one hundred per cent in our effort to put Oklahoma City in its rightful place among Southwestern scholastic circles. It is so easy to get people to accept orders and to work conscientiously and faithfully for a while; but it is the extra service, the extra enthusiasm, the louder yell, or the harder fight that makes a man or group of men stand out from the crowd. Since heretofore so few people have been willing to give this something extra, I feel that the going will be comparatively easy for the Douglass Athletic Association and its friends since the whole city, including the school board, the Douglass athletic staff and principal, Negro business men, The Black Dispatch and its sports editor, and a host of sportsminded people from all walks of life have joined hands to push it over..

What are the qualities that make for success in an organization of this kind? Superior knowledge? Yes, sometimes; but more frequently flaming enthusiasm backed up by common horse sense and the desire to do something bigger and better—Yes, "Bigger and Better." I think the D. A. A. could have no better aim or motto than that small phrase. How can we as individuals help the D .A. A.? First, by giving your loyal support to their program; they will be worth while and entertaining. Second, by offering any constructive suggestion or criticism to better the organization. You will be doing the Association a tremendous favor. We won't get angry, whatever you say. Instead, we'll thank you a thousand times. Be always on the lookout for new ideas. We succeed or perish by your ideas. Don't think for one moment that just because you are not in an official capacity that you can't tell us of new ideas and different features that you think helpful.

In summing up my first appeal to you, I must say it's really quite easy to make yourself unpopular if you go about it the right way. The very bedrock of unpopularity is to impress another person with the idea that he doesn't amount to much. Show him that he is wrong; sniff at every idea he advances; laugh at things he holds sacred—and you'll work wonders. In the whole roster of unpopularity there isn't a neater thing to do than talk about yourself all the time. Knowing these things as I do, your president is declaring himself once and for all at your service to do the things that you want done as far as is in my power, and maybe a little farther. The D. A. A. is to be no respector of persons, but of ideals. We plan to defend and protect the rights of our school and to be of any assistance that we can to promote big time amusement and entertainment for all. We hope and pray that no individual will take exception or try to get any personal gain from this organization as its founders hope to make it non-partisan and surely wholly for the betterment of the community as a whole. To make myself clear, the only cliques that we want to see in the group is while attending the games, and Oh boy, do we expect them then!

I desire to so conduct the affairs of this organization that if, at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power I have lost every friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left, and that friend shall be deep down inside me. I am not bound to win, but I am bound to be true to the rightful causes of this Association and its youth. I am not bound to succeed, but I am bound to live up to the ideals and ideas that I have regarding this most timely and worthy cause.

JIMMY STEWART, President.

PORTLAND BOY WINNER AGAIN

PORTLAND,ORE.- April 21. Leo Turner 19 year-old Negro middleweight sensation scored a ten round decision over Mike Kanski, April 12. Turner had his opponent stagged several times with hards rights and lefts, opening a nasty cut over the right eye, in the sixth. Turner recently knocked out Jackie Wilson of Seattle in one minute and twenty seconds,

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Seattle,Wash.

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Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

Greatest Sepia Tennis Player In World Is Reggie Weir; He Was Within Point Of Losing Three Different Times; Won All

THE OUTSTANDING news of the day in the colored sports world is the announcement today by Dr. Reginald S. Weir of Brooklyn, N. Y., that he will compete in the twenty-third national championships of the American Tennis Association this summer at Hampton Institute, August 14-19.

Dr. Reginald S. Weir

Reggie Weir is to sepia tennis what Bobby Jones is to white golf. He's the preeminent figure in the sport and ranks as the greatest colored tennis player of all time. Records partially substantiate this claim. Reputation further establishes it as the only logical conclusion.

Reggie, native New Yorker, picked up tennis from his boyhood days in an environment where tennis was talked freely. By the time he was in prep school he was virtually a finished player needing only maturity to lift his game to a peak of perfection.. This final touch came at City College of New York his alma mater, where he captained the squad and was the only colored player on it.

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Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

Greatest Sepia Tennis Player In World Is Reggie Weir; He Was Within Point Of Losing Three Different Times; Won All

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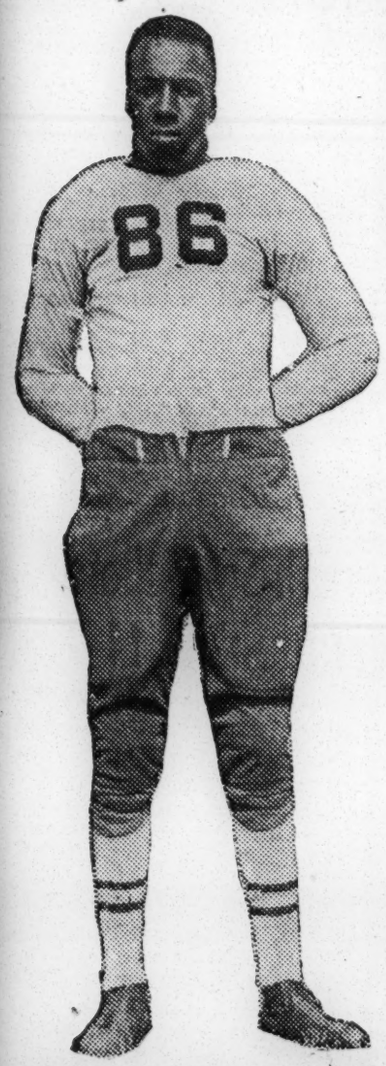
Brud Holland Fourth Among Ends in Poll; Horace Bell Gains Guard Job on Outfit

Jefferson Gets Halfback Post

CHICAGO—For the first time in the history of the gridiron classic, three colored stars have been selected as members of the All-Star College eleven which will oppose the New York Giants, champions of the National Professional League on August 30.



JEROME (BRUD) HOLLAND
All-American Cornell end.

The three are Jerome (Brud) Holland, former Cornell University end and all-American for two years (1938-39); Horace Bell, ex-Minnesota University star guard, whose specialty is dropkicking for the extra point, and Bernie Jefferson, former triple threat halfback at Northwestern University.

The trio was named with dozens of other collegiate stars in the coast-to-coast poll, conducted by 333 associated newspapers and radio stations in forty-seven States and the District of Columbia.

None on First Team

Neither of the three sepia stars were selected for the starting lineup, but were given prominent places on the squad and may see action in the game if the coaches of the squad, who have not been named yet, see fit to use them.

Of the three Holland, perhaps, has the best chance to see action in the contest inasmuch as he polled the highest number of votes.

Holland ranked fourth among the ends with a grand total of 728,386 votes. Earl Brown of Notre Dame and Bowden Wyatt, of Tennessee, who were voted as the starting ends, and Bill Daddio, Pittsburgh, who received 797,647 votes for third place.

Bell Sixth

Among the guards, Minnesota's Bell was in sixth place with 618,952 ballots. Those who gained more votes than the hefty brother of Bill Bell, coach at Florida A. and M. College, are Heikkinen, Michigan and Twedell, Minnesota, who are the starting players, Hovland, Wisconsin; Ed Bock, Iowa; Jim McGoldrick, Notre Dame, and Art Means, Washington.

Jefferson the Wildcat halfback, polled 597,827 votes for seventh place among the halfbacks. He was topped in the balloting by MacLeod, Dartmouth, and Goldberg, Pittsburgh, the starting backs; Manders, Drake; Smilanich, Arizona; Sid Luckman, Columbia, and Pingel, Michigan State.

Cohen Crushed by McDaniel in Straight Sets

Peters Sisters Top Women; Joe King New Jr. Champion

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—New champions were crowned in five events, and only one defending champion stood the acid test of a score of rated stars and coming intercollegiate champions at the Fifteenth Southern Open tennis championships which closed a successful four-day tournament here on Saturday.

Mimmie McDaniel, Los Angeles, defeated his Xavier University teammate, Richard Cohen in straight sets for the men's singles title, 6-3, 6-1, 9-7. Margaret Peters, also a new champion, defeated her sister, Roumania, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the women's singles, and Joseph King, the junior singles wonder, defeated the driving Louis Graves, New Orleans, another Xavier entry, in straight sets 6-1, 6-2 for the junior crown.

Peters Sisters Win

George Branche, Tuskegee, was the only defending champion who won, defeating Francis Powell, Tuskegee, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the veterans' singles.

Jimmie McDaniel and Richard Cohen won the men's doubles, the closing event of the tournament 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.

Margaret and Roumania Peters won the women's doubles from Jessie Abbott and Mildred Brown 6-0, 6-1.

Edmund Burke, chairman of the tournament committee, American Tennis Association, presented trophies to the winners and runners-up to close the tournament and commended them for their fine sportsmanship throughout.

Marked by Upsets

Upsets began in the early rounds when the sensational Joseph King, 17-year-old Dorchester Academy entry, came from behind in the third set with the score of 5-2 against him to win five straight games and the match from Clifford Russell, Tuskegee, ace of the North Carolina open tournament, by a score of 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Seeded players in men's singles were Richard (Dick) Cohen, Xavier; James McDaniel, Xavier; Ernest McCampbell and Clifford Russell, Tuskegee. In men's doubles, Cohen and McDaniels and Ernest McCampbell and Clifford Russell were the seeded teams. In the junior singles, Joseph King, Dorchester Academy, and William McTeer were seeded.

In the women's singles, Margaret Peters and Roumania Peters topped the list. In the boys' singles, George Branche, Jr., and Francis Powell were the seeded players.

Summaries:

Men's Singles

Quarter final: James McDaniels, Xavier University, New Orleans, beat John B. Garritt, Tuskegee, Alabama 6-2, 7-5. Earnest McCampbell, Tuskegee beat William Campbell, Tuskegee, 6-4, 10-8. Richard Cohen, Xavier University, New Orleans, beat George Pinder, Nassau N. P. Bahamas, 6-1, 6-3. Joseph King, Dorchester Academy, McIntosh, Georgia, beat William McTier of Orangeburg, S. C., 6-0, 6-0.

Semi Final: James McDaniels beat Earnest McCampbell 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4 Richard Cohen beat Joseph King 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 9-7.

Finals: James McDaniels beat Richard Cohen 6-3, 6-1, 9-7.

Women's Singles

Quarter final; Mathilda Peters, Tuskegee, beat Celestine Hatchett of Talletson College, Austin, Texas, 6-4, 6-2. Jessie H. Abbott, Tuskegee, beat Ruth White, Tuskegee 6-3, 6-4. Margaret Peters, Tuskegee beat Mildred Brown, Tuskegee 6-1, 6-0.

Semi final: Matilda Peters beat Jessie Abbott 6-0, 8-6. Margaret Peters beat Letitia Woods, Tuskegee 6-1, 6-0.

Final: Margaret Peters beat Matilda Peters 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Men's Doubles

Quarter final: Richard Cohen and James McDaniels beat W. C. Lewis and William McTeer of Orangeburg, S.C. 6-1, 6-0. Robert Ashford of Columbia, S.C., and Joseph King beat Earnest McCampbell and Louis Rabb of Tuskegee 6-2, 6-3.

Semi final: Richard Cohen an James McDaniels beat George Pinder and William Campbell, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4. John B. Garrett and Howard Minnis of Tuskegee beat Robert Ashford and Joseph King 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

Final: Cohen and McDaniels beat Garrett and Minnis 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

Women's Doubles

Finals: Margaret and Matilda Peters beat Jessie H. Abbott and Mildred Brown, 6-0, 6-1.

Junior Singles

Quarter Final: Joseph King beat W. C. Lewis 6-0, 6-1. Robert Ashford beat Francis Powell 6-2, 6-3. Charles Powell beat William McTeer, 10-8, 0-6 8-6.

Semi Final: Joseph King beat Robert Ashford 6-1, 6-2. Louis Graves beat Charles Powell 6-1, 6-4.

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Boys' Singles

Quarter Final: Francis Powell beat Mathew Branche, 6-4, 6-0. Carl Williams, Orangeburg, S.C., beat Harvey Davis 6-1, 6-3. George Branche beat W. C. Lewis 6-3, 6-4. Harold Powell beat Preston Roney 8-6, 6-4.

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Girls' Singles

Final: Helen Hutchinson beat Margaret Washington 6-3, 6-2.

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BLIND EYE ENDS THE BRILLIANT SAGA OF JOHN HENRY LEWIS

Philadelphia Tribune - Philadelphia, Pa

3-23-39

The long and honorable career of John Henry Lewis, light heavyweight champion of the world, has come to a tragic close.

The news that startled the boxing world came last week when it was disclosed that Lewis had been without the sight of his right eye for several months. This to a boxer could not be worse than if he had lost one of his arms.

The end, perhaps is unofficial, for according to John Henry he is not done. But how any right minded boxing commission could find reason to okey his entrance in any ring will be more than can be explained, should it ever happen.

The game Lewis contends that he can still fight, and there are those who admit his contention to be very true; nevertheless the ring is no place for men with any physical defect, regardless of the temper of their intestines.

So we see the end of a long and glorious career.

It started back in 1931 when the son of an ex-physical director and fighter, stepped into the prize ring for the first time.

It reached a climax in 1935 when he won the world's light heavyweight title from Bob Olin.

Its anti-climax came early this year when he faced the bludgeoning fists of Joe Louis, to see any pretention he had to a place in the heavyweight world go a-crumbling.

Withal he was a credit to the ring Without a doubt one of the most coolly scientific boxers of the day, Lewis lost out in popularity because his exact mind kept him from expending any more energy than necessary to win a fight.

Consequently his prowess was for the most part admired only by fighters and those fans who knew excellent work when they saw it.

Cleaning up all opposition in the light heavyweight class, Lewis decided to move out into the big fellows and try his luck there.

The excursion was no great success. He won several fights, taking top honors in a series with Al Ettore of this city, but his staunchest admirers had to concede that whenever one of the big boys laid a hand on the generally lighter Lewis, the champ felt it.

His friends feared that with many more fights (he had to keep in action to make money, it being his misfortune to be holder of an unprofitable championship) he would get punchdrunk. It was rumored even before the Louis fight that John was suffering from lost of sight but this was denied.

Now it seems that it was true. It is a gruesome thought that the man climbed into the ring against Louis, a man for whom you need every faculty you can conjure, half blind.

It was a powerful gesture but a foolish one.

Now he is finished.

But you can't tell John Henry that.

Clearwater, Fla. Sun
April 5, 1939

JOHN HENRY LEWIS

Negro Wins St. Pete Open Golf Tourney

Isaaiah Williams, better known as Devil, a local negro who caddies at the Clearwater Country Club, won the first negro open championship for professionals and caddies at the Jungle Country Club in St. Petersburg, Florida yesterday with a score of seventy.

Close on his heels were Fisher, James Clark and Ramond Burrell, who defeated the negro open champion in 1936. Their scores were 71. 72 and 75 respectively.

Walt LaMer Deserts Amateurs To Go Into Professional Ring

Philadelphia Tribune - Philadelphia Pa

3-23-39

WALTER LaMER

Walter LaMer, one of the best amateur fighters developed in this territory, has decided to leave the simonpures and to invade the realms of the pros.

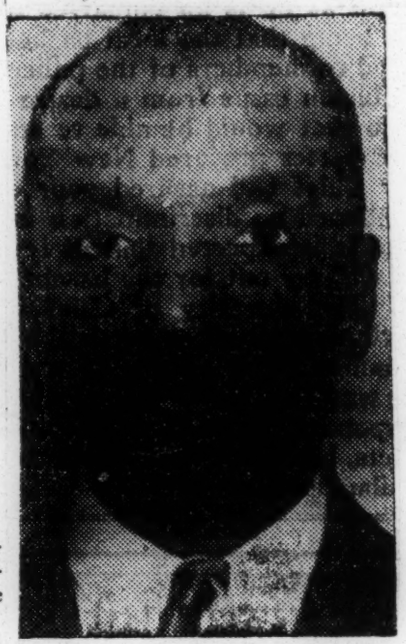
The North Philadelphia welterweight who reached the semi-finals in the just finished Diamond Belt championships has been fighting since late 1937. At 145, his best fighting weight, he has become one of the leaders of the local rings.

His manager in his new venture will be Kermit Johnson, 6614 Musgrave street. Johnson has been acting as LaMer's handler since he started fighting and now with his change of status, will take over the role of manager.

Johnson was at one time prominently connected with the baseball business, owning the California Stars in 1930 and managing the Harrisburg Giants during the season of 1929.

LaMer will be handled by Joe Gramby, well known in boxing circles for his expert seconding of Johnny Hutchinson, and Tommy Cross, before he severed connections with the latter.

The young welterweight can be seen in action at Madison's Gym, Hutchinson street and Girard avenue, when Gramby and Johnson put him through his paces regularly.



KERMIT JOHNSON

Four Negroes Win In Golden Gloves Bouts

CHICAGO—(ANP)—Four of the eight national Golden Gloves champions are Negroes. They won their titles in the 12th annual intercity matches between Chicago and New York at the Chicago stadium before 20,000 spectators Wednesday night while six others were whipping their opponents as alternates. Altogether, colored amateurs won exactly 10 of the 16 bouts that saw Chicago take the intercity championship, 9 to 7. All bouts were scheduled for three rounds.

The four champions and their victims were:

Chicago: Ellis Moore, New York, heavyweight, beat Tony Novak (white).

New York: Jimmy Reeves, Chicago, light heavyweight, beat Henry Jones, John Pleasant, Chicago, lightweight, beat John Noce (white).

New York: Ray Robinson, New York, featherweight, beat Tony Acona (white).

Chicago: Winners among the alternates included: Willie Moon, Chicago, Flyweight, beat Basil Jones, New York; Homer Williams, Chicago, featherweight, beat Lou Valentine.

New York: Willie Smith, New York, lightweigth, knocked out Roy Lewis (white) Chicago, second round; Vernell Williams Chicago welterweight, beat Tami Mauriello (white), New York; Warren Jones New York, middleweight beat Shelton Bell, Chicago; Altus Allen, Chicago, heavyweight, beat Enzo Avendaglio (white). New York.

It was Allen's victory that gave Chicago the intercity title, since it was conceded that Moore would whip Novak. Allen, regarded as the most promising boxer developed here in several years, is a light heavyweight. He was eliminated on a close decision in the recent Tournament of Champions, but so impressed were coaches that he was invited to join the squad and get the alternate heavyweight post although weighing only 172 pounds.

His opponent, a 190 pound Italian who stood four inches taller, was no match for the speed and accuracy of the 18 year old Chicagoans. Allen jabbed him at will with a rapier left, sent him to the canvas for a nine count with a right cross in the first round, then duplicated the performance as the second ended. He htd his foe nearly out on his feet at the final bell.

NEARLY 15,000 FANS EXPECTED TO SEE BATTLE

Clash Slated To Be One Toughest In Henry's Fight Career

Chicagoan Is Undefeated In 15 Straight Bouts, Armstrong In 44

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK, March 20—(AP)—You can just about forget all those rumore of "smart money" riding on Chicago Davey Day against Henry Armstrong in their 15-round welterweight championship party Friday night at Madison Square Garden.

That buildup, usually attendant on a championship encounter, is fine stuff for banging in the customers. But the betting fraternity were still around town Thursday offering odds as high as 1 to 4 that Armstrong is "winnah and still champeen" when the firing ceases. In fact the odds were 8 to 5 that Hammerin' Henry would stop the skinny but tough Chicago clouter before the stated distance.

This corner, having observed both belters in training and remembering recent fights of each, rides along with the Hammer to win by a decision and thereby successfully defend his 147-pound crown for the sixth time since he succeeded gallant Barney Ross to the throne.

The aforementioned "rumors" have reacted as expected on the faithful. Promoter Mike Jacobs makes no predictions, but that satisfied smile can be taken as a "weather vane." All signs now point to a "house" of 14,000 or 15,000 paying customers, with a gate around $35,000.

This particular fistic fiesta figures to be one of the toughest for Armstrong since he won the lightweight laurels from Lou Ambers last year. While Henry sports a winning streak of 44 straight since he came out of St. Louis, by way of Los Angeles, to fistic heights never before reached, Day himself brings a string of 15 victories in a row to this clash.

The Chicagoan can box and has an inside right uppercut that packs enough fireworks to flatten a foe. But, despite those critics who see Armstrong slowing down, the little Negro still sets a terrific pace which, alone, is enough to give him an edge. No rival can let up for a minute against him.

Day made most of his reputation as a lightweight. For a long time he was overshadowed by his stablemate, Barney Ross. Since Barney's retirement, the black-haired Chicagoan is top man of his stable and has reacted accordingly. He has been chasing Armstrong for more than a year, but now that he finally has caught up with Hurricane Hank, he probably will be sorry after it's over.

Birmingham Ala. Post
April 6, 1939

Muddle Over Negro Track Star Settlec

Wisconsin Withdraws Fror Meet After Missouri Files Objections

By United Press.

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 5.—Don Faurot, University of Missouri athletic director, today said he considered closed a controversy with the University of Wisconsin which sought to enter a Negro hurdler, Ed Smith, in a track meet between the schools.

Wisconsin withdrew from the meet, a triangular one which was to have been held at Columbia April 15, with Notre Dame the third participating school.

Coach om Jones of the Wisconsin team said the decision reached was "perfectly agreeable to both sides."

Faurot said Wisconsin had withdrawn "due to a conflict in policy concerning the competition of Negroes in athletic contests."

"Competition between the white and Negro races has never been permitted at the University of Missouri, and it is felt that no deviation from this policy should be made," Faurot said.

Wisconsin's athletic board and faculty passed a resolution "opposing the engagement of a university athletic team in an intercollegiate contest in which any member of the is barred because of his race."

The Missouri institution has in the past barred Negro students from its enrollment and has not played against schools in which Negroes were members of the competing teams.

Last Fall, the U. S. Supreme Court upheld the right of Lloyd L. Gaines, 28, St. Louis Negro, to enter the Missouri School of Law. The school previously had denied him enrollment on the grounds that the constitution, laws and public policy of the state, forbade them to do so.

Tuskegee Trackmen Train For Important Relav Meets

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Feb. 24—Candidates for the Tuskegee institute track and field team started their practice for the spring and summer campaigns this week.

A squad of more than 45 cinder pathmen reported to track coach William O'Shields who will put the candidates through their paces. Coach O'Shields developed Ellerbe whose outstanding performance on the American circuit resulted in a trip to Germany with the team that represented the United States on several foreign fronts.

Allen Soisco, who won third place in the decathlon at Randall Island, New York, July 15 and 16, will join the squad immediately after the close of the basketball season.

A Tuskegee team will participate in the Penn Relays, which will be held at Franklin Field, the University of Pennsylvania, April 28-29; the Drake Relays which will take place on the same date, the Prairie View Relays, the Xavier university relays, the Southern conference track and field championships, and during the summer, will participate in several national meets.

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Sensational Johnny Borican Will Make Jumps By Way Of Aeroplane

Crack Middle-Distancer Paid Expenses Of Former Va. State Teammate Joe Hall to K. of C. Games in N. Y.

NEW YORK CITY—(SNS)—John Borican, who left here early Monday for Dartmouth, Ontario, Chicago, and Portland, Oregon, will on April 1, break a new kind of record; this time it will be a cross-country flight from Portland to Newark, N. J., in a fast plane in order to participate in outdoor meets in two cities separated by the 3,000-mile breadth of a continent.

In Portland, March 31, he will run both the 1,000 and the mile. Immediately after the meet, he will rush to the United Air Lines airport at Portland, and board the fast Newark plane. Arriving in Newark Airport, April 1, he will be rushed by car probably to Elizabeth, N. J., for a big outdoor meet scheduled for Jersey on that date.

Performance in two meets adjacent to the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans within twenty-four hours has been done by white athletes but never by a colored one.

Borican ran in the half mile at Dartmouth, March 15, where he broke the indoor record of 1:51.4 set by Lloyd Hahn in 1928 with 1:49.8.

In Hamilton, Ontario, he will take on his speciality, the 1,000-yard, the world record of which he broke Saturday at 2:08.8.

He will run the 1,000 in Chicago, and in Portland. On the coast, he will also try the mile for the third time this season. He is determined to master the mile in which he suffered two defeats by Glenn Cunningham this season.

GLENN MUST HAVE CHANGED HIS MIND

NEW YORK—(S N S)—Glenn Cunningham refused to shake Borican's hand at the Newark Seton Hall meet a month ago when John beat him in the 1,000.

But last Saturday night in his second defeat Glenn ran up and shook Borican's hand vigorously.

FOOTBALL STAR FAST

NEW YORK—(SNS)—Big Joe Hall of Virginia State, without benefit of training or trainer, and running against the sprint champions of the nation at Saturday's K. of C. meet, broke the tape in a photo-finish in the 60-yard invitation semi-final, pushing such masters as Herb Thompson, Ben Johnson and William J. Cook of Colgate.

Pal and track twin of John Borican, Hall's chief error was one of nervousness in a big meet, causing him to be guilty of two false starts, otherwise he has everything.

Ben Ogden, Temple University coach and trainer of Eulace Peacock, said of Hall:

"With two months' training I could make Hall beat any sprint champ in the world."

As impressive a figure in warming up and in performances as Borican himself, he owes it to the latter that he participated in Saturday's meet. Borican paid Hall's expenses to and from the meet out of his own pocket because Borican believes the southern colleges should send more champs like Hall north into the big meets.

Borican declared Saturday:

"Why not send Hall into the national outdoor meets this spring? He can beat Perrin Walker" (one of the 6:1 indoor record holders.)

New Yorkers Seemed To Resent Borican's Humbling Cunningham Scribe Alvin Moses Informs

By ALVIN MOSES for ANP

JOHNNY BORICAN, the man who believes himself destined to prove fallacious the theory.... "Negro runners, are not suited for mile or distance racing"..... performed amazingly Saturday night during the running of the historic Knights of Columbus games. While some 15,000 rabid track fans sat in deathlike silence, the Apolloesque, long striding bronzed youth who formerly carried the colors of Virginia State, raced the heart out of mighty GLENN CUNNINGHAM, in a 1.000-yard feature. Never before, in more than a decade and a half of track sport coverage, have we witnessed so strange an acting crowd as the one that jammed Madison Square Garden to the bulwarks. It was as if the coffee-colored Hercules had committed treason against the state.. ..this humbling of the heretofore unbeatable Kansan in the disputed new world's record time of 2.08:8.

WE THOUGHT HE BROKE WITH GUN: In the eminently fair opinion of Johnny McHugh, most renowned starter on the American continent, as well as most of the other competitors in the special event, Borican beat the gun at the start giving him a three or more yard advantage over Cunningham who was right behind him. As we saw it, the Shore A. C. luminary did no such thing. Noted as one of the fastest breakers ever to show in mid-distance running, Borican leaped from his mark at the crack of the gun like the peerless Howard P. Drew, was accustomed to. McHugh all throughout his lengthy career which goes back to our public school days in New York, never hesitates to fire another shot when a runner has "beaten the gun."

This he failed to do and despite opinions given to the press directly after the race in which he stated he did not wish to completely spoil the classic, for once we feel the peer of starters erred. Erred, in flatly refusing to sign the petition that indisputably....would have given the sensational Columbia university post-grad, the record he cherished above all others. Borican, argued loud and lustily, as we would have under similar circumstances, that he broke with the pistol bark,....but McHugh was adament. Two yards separated these two supermen at the finish, but not a doubt remained in the minds of that vast assemblage but that Borican was the complete master. From gun to bell, this beautiful striding big boy ran a "front race." Nurmi raced against his wrist watch, but this matchless distancer cuts out his own pace and leaves pace-making to the students of that highly thought-out theory. Cunningham's second defeat of the night at his favorite mile route is highly explainable. The lionhearted student at physical education raced like the champion and gamester that he is against America's newest Olympic threat. It was just humanly impossible to ask even a....Cunningham to go out and lick the likes of Fenske, et al, after such a performance. As long as track history is discussed, the meeting between JOHNNY BORICAN and GLENN CUNNINGHAM will live long in the memory of those fortunate to witness it. By the same token, Borican's defeat later in the evening at 600 yards can be understood. Charlie Beetham (white), racing the second fastest 600 yards of the past five years (1:11.-3): left Borican in his wake by five yards. Herb Thompson lost his first sprint dash to Perrin Walker after 20 consecutive wins.

Friends of mine have asked me to state in the next edition of "Question Box", who in my opinion is the outstanding sports fan in Harlem. Of all the questions ever asked, this happens to be the easiest. Genial Dr. SABEAL ANDERSON, well known dental surgeon of the "Graham Court," is the NUMBER ONE sports fan of Harlem and as a gentleman sportsman,....rates in my little book with any of the country regardless of color or creed.

Henry Armstrong Offered $35,000 to Box Day Again

CHICAGO, April 4 (I.N.S.). An offer of $35,000 flat guarantee or 40 per cent of the gate was dangled before Henry Armstrong today by Sam Pian, co-manager of Davey Day, for a return bout between Armstrong and Day to be held in Chicago in June or July.

Pian, who shares Day's management with Art Winch, said Day was not at his best against Armstrong in New York last Friday, when the fast-punching Negro defeated the Chicago fighter in a successful defense of his welterweight title.

"Day's timing was little spotty in that fight," said Pian in predicting his fighter would win a return bout. "I'm sure, Davey would have come out on top if he were in better form."

Pian said it was a mistake to let Day fight Armstrong without having had at least one fight this year before the championship affair.

It was revealed by Day's handlers that he will not be ready for a proposed bout with Pedro Montanes in New York May 3. Day's next fight probably will be against Montanez May 24, Pian said.

Armstrong is leaving for London to fight a championship bout with Ernie Roderick there May 22, but Pian said his offer permitted Armstrong plenty of time to be ready to fight Day again in Chicago.

Asheville. N. C.. Times
April 5, 1939

Dispute Over Negro Track Star Closed

COLUMBIA, Mo., April 5.—(UP)—Don Faurot, University of Missouri athletic director, today said he considered closed a controversy with the University of Wisconsin which sought to enter a negro hurdler, Ed Smith, in a track meet between the schools.

Wisconsin withdrew from the meet, a triangular one which was to have been held at Columbia April 15, with Notre Dame the third participating school.

Coach Tom Jones of the Wisconsin team said the decision reached was "perfectly agreeable to both sides."

Faurot said Wisconsin had withdrawn "due to a conflict in policy concerning the competition of negroes in athletic contests."

"Competition between the white and negro races has never been permitted at the University of Missouri, and it is felt that no deviation from this policy should be made," Faurot said.

Wisconsin's athletic board and faculty passed a resolution "opposing the engagtment of a university athletic team in an intercollegiate contest in which any member of the team is barred because of his race."

MUSKOGEE, OK. PHOENIX
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NEGRO CAGERS OF TULSA WIN TUSKEGEE TOURNEY

TUSKEGEE, Ala., March 26—(AP)—Booker T. Washington High school of Tulsa, Okla., defeated Cuyler Beach High of Savannah, Ga., 31-29 last night in the finals of the southern (negro) interscholastic basketball tournament.

Fourteen states were represented in the tournament, with 27 boys' and 15 girls' teams entered.

Mozell Ellerbe Cops Dash Honors At Ninth Annual Prairie View Relays

By C. A. LOCKETT

PRAIRIE VIEW, Texas, April 4.—Mozell Ellerbe of Tuskegee, displayed championship form here Saturday in the Ninth Annual P. V. Relays, to outclass a field of top-notch sprinters and set a new record in both the 100- and 220-yard dashes.

Track critics who watched Ealy of Tillotson, Pickett of P. V. and Hicks of Xavier in the qualifying heats predicted that Ellerbe would be forced to break his own records of 10:2 seconds in the 100 and 22:7 seconds in the 220 to retain his sprint championship.

Pushed by Hicks and Wilson, of Xavier, in the 100, Ellerbe breezed to the tape in 9:8 seconds, four-tenths of a second better than the mark which he formerly set in the Prairie Relays, and three-tenths of a second slower than the time in which he won the Drake 100-yard dash last year.

Aided by a slight wind, the flashy sprinter dispelled all doubt concerning his track supremacy a few minutes later when he leaped out in front in the 220 and broke the tape in 21:1 seconds. Pickett, of Prairie View, who was favored to upset the champion, came in second, trailing Ellerbe by five yards.

XAVIER WINS RELAYS

Showing complete disregard for old records, athletes from sixteen colleges broke an amazing total of 19 marks in track and field events. Xavier, with a host of supermen, accounted for eight of the records that fell.

The Xavier 440 relay team, composed of Woods, Wilson, Hicks and Bellizaire, clipped four-tenths of a second off the old record as Bellizaire, who was given a tremendous lead by his team mates, virtually glided into the tape to set a new mark of 42:6 seconds. Xavier also set a new record of 8:18 seconds in the two-mile relay and fell six-tenths of a second short of toppling the 880-yard relay mark of 1:29.4, which the Gold Rush team of Woods, Wilson, Brown and Miles set last year.

The mile relay, feature event of the meet, revealed the absence of Fay Young, sportsman and columnist of the Chicago Defender, who is customarily present at the Prairie View Relays to present the beautiful trophy which he donates to the winner of this event each year. The team winning the trophy for three consecutive years becomes the permanent possessor.

Having won the coveted prize for the past two years, Prairie View strained every muscle and fibre to retain this valuable award, but Tuskegee, with a team made up of Fredwell, Slade, Sams and Ellerbe, romped away with the trophy and the record. The new time was 3:26.7.

New records were made in the 100-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, 220-yard low hurdle, 220-yard dash, running high jump, running broad jump, pole vault, discus throw, 440-yard run, 880-yard run, javelin throw, 440-yard relay, mile relay, 2-mile relay; women's 50-yard dash, 100-yard dash, 440-yard relay, shot-put and baseball throw.

"Joe Louis" Williams, of Xavier, with a 49-foot 3-inch heave, fell short of the mark which he made last year in the shot-put.

Farmer, of Xavier, soaring to a new height of 12 feet 9 inches in the pole vault, exhibited rare form and showed promise of clearing the bar better than 13 feet before the season closes. Holmes, of Tillotson, and Carter, of Prairie View, tied for second place.

Northwestern Early Favorite In Big 10 Race

By ROBERT McSHANE

THE melancholy days are here—that time of the year when football coaches droop visibly, bringing tears to the eyes of their followers with sad, dismal stories of general misfortune, lack of material and tough schedules.

Some of the less fortunate coaches haven't more than three or four top-notch players for any one spot, and of course, see nothing but the blackest of futures ahead. Optimism on the part of the coach amounts to malfeasance in office.

However, close observers whose bread and butter doesn't depend on turning out a championship football team, see a lot of great teams for the coming season. Sophomores and juniors, who saw a lot of action during the '38 season, will be turned loose this year to really tear up the nation's gridirons.

In the Big Ten, Northwestern, Minnesota and Michigan are expected to share dictatorial honors. Coaches are pointing to Northwestern as the team to beat.

Lynn Waldorf, who guides Northwestern university's football destiny, isn't cheerful over the outlook. He rates Notre Dame (happily outside the conference) as the greatest team of the Middle West, and chooses Michigan, Minnesota and Purdue to lead the Big Ten race in the order named.

Obviously he rates his own team behind three in his league. But remember that the Yanks didn't admit they had a chance to get in the world series until they led the American league by about 15 games.

DeCorrevont on Spot

Fans will be watching Bill DeCorrevont, Northwestern's much-advertised sophomore. Waldorf isn't pinning his hopes on sophomores, but one or two of them may come through in great style. DeCorrevont will have to be the greatest football player since Red Grange to live up to his advance publicity.

For the first time since 1934, despite Coach Waldorf, Minnesota isn't rated as a favorite in the pre-season

LYNN WALDORF

predictions. Bernie Bierman's starting lineup will include eight new men, and the Gopher schedule is more difficult than a year ago. Among returning regulars are Captain Pederson at tackle, John Mariucci at end, and George Franck and Harold Van Every, both left halfbacks.

Early predictions, nevertheless, may be all wrong. Confidence has been instilled by the perennial skill of Bierman in turning out winning teams. He sees five games on the Gopher schedule that may easily go either way. They are those with Purdue, Ohio State, Northwestern, Michigan and Wisconsin. The other three on the calendar are also a source of concern, but two of them are outside the conference.

Michigan Strong

Michigan is one of the upper bracket Big Ten teams. Forest Evashevski, Wolverine key blocker and defensive pivot, is one of the best players of the Middle West. Coach H. O. ("Fritz") Crisler may have a team that will upset all the dope, and walk off with conference honors.

Purdue, which tied Michigan for second place last fall, will again have its "Three Bees" around whom to build—Lou Brock, Jack Brown and Mike Byelene. Brock's great play was one of the chief factors in Purdue's great season in 1938. He blocks exceptionally well, and is equally versatile at running, kicking and passing.

Coach Mal Elward has 25 major lettermen returning, and the Boilermakers are expected to be even tougher than last year.

Needless to say, competition in the Big Ten isn't limited to these four teams. Iowa, with a new coach, Dr. Eddie Anderson, may surprise the experts, though not much is expected as he starts rebuilding Hawkeye football fortunes. Wisconsin will miss Fullback Howie Weiss, but Coach Harry Stuhldreher is still hopeful of a championship contender. Ohio State, Illinois, Chicago and Indiana will be somewhat stronger this season, but hardly rate with the other six teams.

Theirs is scarcely the sort of material around which the other schools are building their hopes. Though Indiana may prove an upset before the season ends.

It's too early to hazard a prediction, but if middle west coaches are correct in their forecasts, Northwestern, Minnesota, Michigan and Purdue are the Big Ten teams to watch. And just a word—keep your eyes on Michigan. Northwestern may offer too much competition, but when the season's final whistle blows, the Wolverines will have made life exceedingly miserable for their league gridiron opponents.

Orlando, Fla., Morning Sentinel
October 1, 1939

Champion Negro Nine Plays Here

The Homestead Grays of Pittsburgh, Pa., champions of the Negro National Baseball League, will meet the Cleveland Bears, runner-ups in the Negro American League, at Tinker Field Tuesday night in what promises to be the best negro ball game of the season.

The Grays will come fresh from the Yankee Stadium of New York where they finished the season of the Negro National League. The Bears are the old original Jacksonville Red Caps who, as member of the Negro American League, played out of Cleveland, Ohio, as the Cleveland Bears and finished the season in the first division.

This game is sponsored by the Interracial Committee for the benefit of the Carter Street ball park. John Ganzel, pilot of the Orlando Senators, predicts that these negro teams will play a brand of ball seen only in the big leagues and he will be one of the officials for this game.

Syracuse Hopes Better Balance Will Offset Loss of Sidat-Singh

But Coach Solem Finds Extravagant Claims of Downtown Quarterbacks Premature— Cornell Will Test Team Saturday

By ALLISON DANZIG
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Oct. 2—For a coach who worked the miracle of giving Syracuse its first varsity football victory over Colgate in fourteen years, Ossie Solem looks on the new season with surprisingly little enthusiasm.

In a city that is steamed up and ready to paint the town red every Saturday night, his refusal to be stampeded out of his characteristic casualness has the downtown quarterbacks' association puzzled, but not in the least worried. What is there to worry about?

Didn't Syracuse lick Cornell, the champion of the Ivy League, as well as Colgate, last year? Didn't twenty-five lettermen come back? And look at all the wonderful new material sent up by another unbeaten freshman team.

Suppose Wilmeth Sidat-Singh didn't come back with the twenty-five to break up games with his passes? How could any one man be missed on this Orange squad?

So rave the downtown quarterbacks and that is just what is eating Solem. The build-up of the Orange is so strong that unless he turns out a super-team that knocks over every opponent, the season will be a big bust. Just beating Colgate now comes under the head of routine business, though until 1938 it was worth the keys to the city and a torchlight parade through the business center.

Coach Soft-Pedals Enthusiasm

All of this, to Solem, is amusing and sophomoric. He doesn't think the Syracuse team was anything out of the ordinary last year. He isn't sure that the Orange will do any better, if as well, this season. He is sure "we are not as good as they think."

While admitting that Reeves Baysinger and Roy Simmons have sent up a number of excellent prospects from the freshman squad—including Hopkins, Heald, Canale and Courtney, backs; Fellows, Kinney, Mozur, Batten, Tice, McPhail and Sidey for the line—Solem maintains that the sophomores do not solve the problems confronting him and his assistants at this time.

The team's disappointing showing against Clarkson in the opening game Friday night emphasized the progress that has to be made. With so strong a foe as Cornell to be met on Saturday and several of the ablest backs in doubtful condition, he is far from being so sanguine about the Orange's invincibility as the drug store and smoke shop field generals.

"We didn't have a well-balanced team last year," said the Orange coach, "but we had Sidat-Singh, who was a fine all-around player and not just an exceptional passer. We had to rely on him in the tough spots and he came through.

"This year we have a little more balance. We definitely have it in the line and will have it in the backfield when our injured men return. But we have no one who approaches Sidat-Singh.

"The question boils down to whether our better balance will offset his loss. Will the team go out and win games as a team on all-around ability or will it let down without a game-breaker?

"What we saw in the opening game was not encouraging, but we are hopeful that the mistakes we made will be minimized and that the men will find themselves against Cornell. We know the kind of fight we are in for at Ithaca and that will be the test of this team. Until then I agree to no more than that this is a good Syracuse team that shows possibilities."

Hooper Among Mainstays

The veteran mainstays of the Orange are Hooper, Heater, Eschenfelder, Rigan and Garvey, tackles; Piro, Allen and Balmer, ends; Congdon, Daugherty and Dudley, guards; K. Paskevich, center; Hoffman, Banger, Ruth, Wilson, Zimdahl, Shek, Rodiek, Thomas and Hinkle, backs.

Hoffman was moved from fullback to the blocking position. Zimdahl, who had moved into the starting berth at full, is now out with injuries, possibly for two weeks, and the 200-pound Heald, who looked so good against Clarkson, is slated to be in against Cornell. Before the season is over, Canale and Heald both may be challenging the veterans for the job.

Banger, possibly the best all-around back in squad, is a fixture at left half, followed by Ruth when the latter is in shape. Courtney plays there, too. He has the coaches

mystified. He may be great or he may be just another back, depending upon his reaction.

At right half, Hopkins looked so good on Friday night that he has the jump on Shek, who was scheduled to start until an injury forced him out. Some think Hopkins may be the ball carrying sensation of the season. Solem is not quite sure. Hopkins is nursing an injury now.

Wilson Now a Quarterback

Wilson, one of the brainiest men on the team, was moved from right half to quarter, since he put on twenty-five pounds and lost some of his speed. He will see a lot of service as Hoffman's alternate.

Fellows and Kinney at tackle and guard should break into the picture in a big way, and Mozar also stands out at guard. Batten, McPhail, and Sidey added a lot of strength at the ends and Tice added to the feeling of security at center.

There is no denying that there is a lot of fine new material of ample size at Syracuse, both in the line and backfield. This may be the best Orange team in years in the making, but right now Solem refuses to become excited over sophomores who have yet to prove themselves in a major test.

Morris Brown Beats Tuskegee In Alumni Bowl By 20-0 Score

ALUMNI BOWL, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.—(SNS)—Lionel Grimes' hard running sparked the Purple Wolverines victory over a stubborn Tuskegee Institute eleven here Saturday when Morris Brown College for its first time in history ran up a decisive score of 20-0 over the Abbottmen. They had been beaten once before by the Atlantans by a very close score.

It was Morris Brown all the way and the new put-together line yielded only one earned first down on running plays. Tuskegee compiled four in all, two being by passes and one a penalty. The Golden Tigers presented a stiff defense throughout the game but was met by a determined Morris Brown offense that they could not check. Grimes running was the outstanding feature of the game as he scored the first two touchdowns on long runs behind mediocre blocking by his teammates.

Morris Brown scored its first touchdown in the second quarter seven minutes before the half ended. After driving Tuskegee all over the field on running plays with the pass combination of Moody to Booker, Moody to Strickland and vice versa clicking in regularity, every time the purples would reach pay dirt they met a strong resistance by the Tiger forwards and held four downs. John Moody, went back into the game around the middle of the second quarter. Moody passed 20 yards to Duffield, who also played a whale of a game, from the Tuskegee 45-yard line placing the ball on the Golden Tigers' 25. Grimes knifed at tackle the first time but was held on the next play he dashed around left end in a brilliant executed play for the touchdown. Moody tricked extra point from placement Morris Brown led Tuskegee at the half 7-0. The coaches were greatly disappointed with the score and supplied the necessary spark to slaughter the Alabama lads in the final half of the game.

After playing five minutes of the third quarter deep in the Tigers territory with the ball exchanging hands several times Morris Brown finally came in possession of the ball when English, intercepted Moore's pass on the Tuskegee 42-yard line. A pass from English to Strickland was good for 15 yards.

Grimes broke aloose again leaving his interference and wiggling in the open on a long end run on the left side of Tuskegee lie for 27 yards and the second touchdown. Moody was out of the game and Grimes missed the point after from placement. The final touchdown came after both teams had fought desperate up and down the field in the fourth quarter with Tuskegee passing, but to no avail.

It was too much Morris Brown, always on the alert against the Tiger' passes, intercepting many of them. The final tally climaxed a 50 yard drive. Jenkins Broke away for 6 yards at left end. Red Owens made it first down on the Tuskegee 40-yard line. Mitchell and Owens made another first down on the 30. A pass from Walker to Booker who lateralled the ball to Red Owens was good for 15 yards. A beautiful play. Mitchell lost four yards when he fumbled and recovered on the Tuskegee 19-yard line. Walker dropped back and passed beautifully Gerald Brown who was forced out of bounds on the Tuskegee 1-yard line from where Joe Mitchell drove through standing up for the touchdown. Red Owens ran for the extra point out fumbled at the goal line. Walker playing alert ball recovered the oval over the line for the extra point making the score 20-0.

Tuskegee tried everything in the game to score but each time she met a determined Wolverine defense, that was sparkled by the sensational playing of Captain Brown, Booker, Strickland, Griffin and Clarence Brown. The backfield outstanding men were English, Grimes, Moody, Duffield, Walker, and Mitchell. While the playing for Tuskegee was furnished by the entire starting line-up which was able to hold the fast backs of the Purpose in check for 23 minutes of the game and feature a strong goal line stand.

LINE-UP:

MORRIS BROWN COLLEGE	Pos.	TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE
Booker	LE	R. Williams
Settles	LT	J. Brown
Griffin	LG	D. Carter
Clarence Brown	C	Hollins
Clifford Brown	RG	Williamson
Wysinger	RT	R. L. Lewis
Strickland	RE	Slade
English	Q	Read
Grimes	LH	Frazier
Mitchell	RH	Shaw
Moody	F.	Smith
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Officials: Harvey (Colgate) Referee: Easterling (Umpire) (Wilberforce). Moore (Talladega) Headlinesman Hill (Howard) field Judge

Armstrong Is Ill; Ambers Bout Is Off

New York, Nov. 28 (AP).—The Henry Armstrong-Lou Ambers welterweight title fight, scheduled for Madison Square Garden Friday night, was indefinitely postponed today.

Three physicians told the New York state athletic commission Armstrong, the title holder, is physically unable to enter the ring because of an attack of grip.

No Date Set.

No date was set for the fight. Al Weill, manager of Ambers, suggested Dec. 15, but Armstrong's pilot, Eddie Mead, held out for Jan. 24, insisting the Negro will need that time to recuperate.

Mike Jacobs, head of the 20th Century Sporting club, said Petey Scalzo and Allie Stolz, two leading featherweight contenders, will fight the main bout in the Garden Friday, with the remainder of the supporting card unchanged.

The commission ordered all hands to report back Friday, when an attempt will be made to reach some sort of a decision.

Walker Calls Henry O. K.

The physicians who examined Armstrong were Doctors William Walker, Frank Manicalco, Morris Beyer, and Levere Chaney. Dr. Walker said Armstrong was O. K., but the three others agreed he had a sore throat and a heavy cold.

Mead said he couldn't say if Armstrong would be able to meet Jimmy Garrison in Cleveland Dec. 11. Chairman John J. Phelan commented to reporters: "Armstrong has as much chance of going thru with that fight as you have."

Armstrong, Ambers Bout Postponed

Champion, Ill With Cold, Can't Fight Friday, Manager Says

By the United Press

New York, Nov. 27.—The Armstrong-Ambers welterweight title fight, scheduled for Friday night at Madison Square Garden, will be postponed or canceled tomorrow because Champion Armstrong is in bed with a bad cold.

Promoter Mike Jacobs will substitute Friday night a ten-round main event between Young Allie Stolz, of Newark, N. J., and Petey Scalzo, of New York. Stolz is one of the country's outstanding lightweight contenders and Scalzo is the outstanding American featherweight challenger. The rest of the card will remain unchanged.

Henry Armstrong, the bull-shouldered little Los Angeles Negro who has fought lightweight king Lou Ambers twice before, quit training and took to his bed today. His manager, Eddie Mead, announced tonight, "Henry's condition is so bad that I am calling off the fight. I won't let him go through with it, regardless of what the boxing commission physicians say. He won't be able to fight Ambers until January."

When Armstrong's condition was revealed today the boxing commission immediately sent three physicians to examine him. They will make their report at tomorrow's commission meeting. Promoter Jacobs was still hopeful tonight that their report might be favorable and that Armstrong could go through with the bout but Mead declared. "There isn't a chance in the world."

Armstrong's illness brought gloom to the Twentieth Century Club, where Promoter Jacobs said the advance sale virtually had assured the Armstrong-Ambers tilt of being a $91,000 sellout. Ticket prices will be cut in half for the Scalzo-Stolz 10-rounder, which originally was scheduled for December 22.

Meanwhile Ambers' manager, Al Weill, charged that Armstrong "isn't ill at all. He's just takin' a run-out powder. He knows he'll get licked if he fights Ambers Friday night." Weill added that if the commission permits a postponement, he will insist that it be only until December 15, "or else Ambers won't fight him at all."

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Huntsville, Ala., Times
June 19, 1939

Brown's Efforts Top SEC Athletes

LOS ANGELES, June 19 (AP) — Billy Brown, Louisisana State University sophomore, topped other Southeastern conference athletes in performances at the National Collegiate field and track championships over the week-end.

Brown took a second place in the broad jump, losing to Atchison of Texas by 1 1-4 inches.

Here's what other Southeastern conference tracksters did:

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From other colleges in the Southeast, Moze Ellerbe of Tuskegee institute placed second in the 100-yard dash and Williams of Xavier of New Orleans won a third in the shot put.

Gadsden, Ala., Times
June 19, 1939

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Florence, Alabama—Times
June 19, 1939

HORSE SHOW TO DRAW BIG CROWD ON WEDNESDAY

$75,000 Worth Of Horse Flesh Is Coming To City For Fourth Event

Entries for the fourth annual Lauderdale County Horse Show to be held at the Florence fairgrounds Wednesday evening, June 21, under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Gilbert Elementary school, have been received from all parts of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, Walter Hugh Glenn, general chairman, reported today.

Indications are, Mr. Glenn said, that valuable show ring horses from the three states, worth in excess of $75,000, will compete for the $505 in cash prizes being given in 15 classes as well as for the attractive trophies whch will be presented certain of the winners.

These trophies are being donated by Sommer's Jewelry Store, Droke Jewelry Store and Mrs. J. T. Flagg and are now on display in J. W. Sommer's window on North Court street.

Mr. Glenn said that several thousand persons from the Tri-Cities Muscle Shoals district and even more distant points will be present pointing out that the grandstand, which seats 8,000 comfortably, and the show grounds have been placed in readiness for the big event.

An additional class, making a total of 15, has been added, this new class being for walking horses under three years of age, which was added primarily for the benefit of horse owners in Colbert and Lauderdale counties.

The most amusing class, and one that the public is expected to enjoy immensely, is the negro - musical ride. In this class those attending will see a lot of fast mule riding, falls and probably some good fist fights.

The roadster class is the most spectacular one, being a trotting race with sulkies, in which Jesse Talley, of Nashville, is entering three, one of which is famed Tiger Boy. V. H. Youngblood, of Jackson, Tenn., is bringing two for this roadster class, one of which is Broadway Bill. Broadway Bill has not lost a race this season.

Tampa, Fla. Tribune
June 22, 1939

Negro Ball Clubs Play Here Saturday

The Tampa Cuban Stars, negro baseball team of this city, will meet the Inverness Giants at Plant field Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

John Henry, home run king of southern negro baseball, will play with the local squad.

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For the explanation of those unfamiliar with the situation the A. F. of L. A. arranges and conducts all tournaments. This organization is supreme in the field of fencing. It is recognized by the AAU but is completely autonomous. It's power extends to the selection of the US Olympic fencing team.

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Despite the fact that the League has no clause in its constitution justifying the barring of Negro fencers, it has refused to accept Negroes into membership, rejecting their applications automatically with non-committal run arounds. This leaves all Negro fencers ineligibly for big time competition. No Negro within the memory of the average fencer has ever been seen on the strips of an AFLA tourney, despite the known fact that many Negro fencers rate up with the best in skill.

The usual explanation given for this state of affairs is that the tournaments are run off on the floors of private clubs which do not permit Negroes on their strips. This excuse has now been blasted, as the following shows.

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SANTELLI AGAINST JIM CROW

The renowned Salle Santelli, in the person of its famous master who has coached Olympic teams, answered the two questions as follows:

1—Will you permit Negro fencers on your strips?

"I have had Negro fencers on my strips. WPA competition, with Negroes in them, have been held here."

2—Do you favor the admission of Negroes into the AFLA?

"Of course. Aren't they just as human as anyone else? And the day is not far off when they will be admitted, not only to fencing, but to major league baseball and lawn tennis."

VINCE SCHOOL AGREES

Mr. Vince, of the Vince Fencing School, replied favorably to the two questions. In answer to the second he remarked:

"Negroes have proven their ability in other sports. Now it is their turn in fencing."

YMCA CLUB EMPHATIC

The Saltus Club of the 23rd St. YMCA said simpley they have competed with the Harlem YMCA in the past and intend to do so in the future.

MET. CLUB HAD NEGRO

The Metropolitan Fencing Club, coached by Joe Smith who works with the Hunter and Brooklyn College girls, emphatically said yes to both questions. Their president, Mr. Budelov, remarked that they have already had a Negro member.

The Foils Club on West 14th St., official affiliate of the Trade Union Fencing League, and holder of the first labor tournament in fencing history, one that included Negro competitors, replied through Mr. Hern, their spokesman:

"We are in this fight up to our necks!" Daily Worker 6-2-39

ON THE NEGATIVE SIDE

Mr. Greco, head of the Greco School of Fencing, was the only one who would not give a clear answer, and even he did not say no. Mr. Greco, anxious to ensure the well being of his school which is run on a purely commercial basis, stated that he was entirely neutral.

The only two sales which answered in the negative were the New York AC and the Fencers Club. It is significant that Mr. Van Buskirk, the President of the Fencers Club, is also President of the AFLA. Daily Worker 6-2-39

In a series of exclsive stories to follow this, the average fencer's opinion will be disclosed, as well as an interview with the AAU and the answer of the AFLA to the above expressions of opinion.

NEGRO ATHLETES IN N. C. A. A. MEET

100 Yard Dash

Won by Mozelle Ellerbee, Tuskegee. Time—0:09.8. Tommy Nelson, Fresno State, fifth, in finals. Norman Holmes, Florida A. & M. elimininated in the semi-final heat.

880 Yard Run

Won by John Woodruff Pittsburgh; Curtis Giddings, N. Y. U., second. Time: 1:51.3.

120 Yard High Hurdles

Ed Smith, Wisconsin, second.

Shot Put

William Watson, Michigan, second, 54 feet 6½ inches. Lilburn Williams, Xavier third, 53 feet 11¾ inches.

Discus Throw

William Watson, Michigan, second 161 feet 9¼ inches. Archie Harris, Indiana, third, 160 feet 8 inches.

Broad Jump

William Watson Michigan, fourth, 24 feet ¼ inch.

High Jump

Ed Burke, Marquette and Walter Arrington, Michigan State, tied for fourth at 6 feet 4 inches.

Negroes Organize National Amateur Golf Association

Invitations to be Sent to Golfing Enthusiasts Throughout Nation to Join Ohio's Fifth Annual Tournament

1,000 Golfers Expected to Participate

CLEVELAND, O.—(ANP)—Young golfers are causing considerable worry as they go through with practice strokes in preparation for the fifth annual Ohio Golf Tournament of Amateurs which is scheduled for beautiful Highland park during August.

The announcement was made here this week by Dr. L. S. Evans, chairman of the tournament committee, who asserts that upwards of 1,000 amateurs from all points of the country will enter to vie for amateur honors. During the three-day play here, the National Amateur Golf association will be organized, according to Dr. Evans.

The Forest City Golf association under whose auspices the tournament is given, set the dates as August 22-24. Match play will prevail and three or more flights according to the number of players registered. An 18-hole qualifier is to be played on the 22nd for both men and women. Clarence Reece, top-ling-pin of amateur, will defend his title in the championship play-off of 36 holes final.

The winners and runners-up in each contest will be awarded prizes. The best dressed golfer of both sexes will receive a prize. The young man and woman coming here from the longest distance will also be awarded. A driving contest scheduled for the opening day, August 22, will award prizes to both men and women.

August 24 has been set at the date for organizing the N. A. G. A. at 9 p. m., when another milestone in Negro sports will be passed. Dr. V. O. Beck, president of the local association, will appoint some member to award the championship prize at the same time.

According to Dr. Beck, inquiries have come from amateurs in Detroit, Buffalo, Erie, Grand Rapids, Chicago, Indianapolis, Boston, Toledo, Dayton, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Youngstown, Stubensville, Tuskegee, Atlanta and Atlantic City about the new National Amateur Golf association.

Mozelle Ellerbe Returns To Cinderpath; Seeking New Laurels For School

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Candidates for the Tuskegee Institute track and field team started their practice for the Spring and Summer campaigns this week. A squad of more than 45 cinderpathmen reported to Track Coach William O'Shields who will put the candidates through their paces. Coach O'Shields developed Mozelle Ellerbe whose outstanding performance on the American circuit resulted in a trip to Germany with the team that represented the United States on several foreign fronts. Allen Scisco, who won third place in the decathalon at Randall Island, New York, July 15 and 16, will join the squad immediately after the close of the basketball season.

A Tuskegee team will participate in the Penn Relays, which will be held at Franklin Field, the University of Pennsylvania, April 28-29, the Drake Relays, which will take place on the same date, the Prairie View Relays, the Xavier University Relays, the Southern Conference track and field championship, and during the summer, will participate in several national meets.

Track men who have indicated excellent possibilities are Eminett Lunford, sophomore, Tampa, Fla.; James E. Lewis sophomore, Southern Pines, N. C.; Upshaw Sams sophomore, Beaumont, Texas; Louis Slade, sophomore, New Orleans, La.; Ernest Simms, sophomore, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Allen Scisco, Dowagaic, Mich.; Alfred McGill, sophomore, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Robert Canson, freshman, Sacramento, Calif.; Dennis McBride, senior, Cincinnati, Ohio; Eliot Van Zandt, freshman, Chicago, Ill.; William Shaw, freshman, Washington, D. C.; James C. Smith, sophomore, Los Angeles, Calif.

Among the new men who have shown versatility and the possibility of developing into a fine array of track performers are: William A. Anderson, freshman, Atlanta, Ga.; Francis C. Chambliss, freshman, Jackson, Miss.; Leroy M. Hall, freshman, Mobile, Ala.; Paul Freeman, freshman, St. Louis, Mo.; Otis Jones, freshman, Shreveport, La.; George A. Johnson, freshman, Old Saybrook, Conn.; James Whitlow, freshman, Detroit, Mich.; Rufus Bryant, sophomore, Lexington, Ky.; Luke Jenkins, freshman, Asheville, N. C.; John McClure, freshman, Kokomo, Ind.; Marvin Fretwell, sophomore, Fort Worth, Texas.; Elzie O. Thomas, sophomore, Albany Ga.; Elton O. Thomas, sophomore, San Antonio, Texas; John Tolson, freshman, Beaumont, Texas; Wilbur Turner, freshman, Roanoke, Va.; Oscar Weaver, freshman, Rome, Ga.; Leonard Wise, freshman, Shreveport, La.; Horace Wright, sophomore, Wilmington, N. C.; Robert E. Johnson, senior, Atlanta, Ga.; Lucius Ross, freshman, Knoxville Tenn.; Ernest Albergottie, sophomore, Seabrook, S. C.; William N. Bailey, freshman, Benham, Ky; Leo E. Breedlove, freshman, St Louis, Mo.; Collin Briggs, freshman, Houston, Texas; Howard Carter, sophomore, Houston, Texas; Norman Cooper, sophomre, Texarkana, Arkansas; Jseph Doyle, freshman, Kansas City, Mo.; Arthur Dibrell, freshman, Seguin, Texaxs; Hugh Ford, freshman, Houston, Texas; Otis D. Goodwin, sophomore, Eldorado, Ark.; Isaac Graves, freshman, Tuscumbia, Ala.; Charles Hawkins, senior, Houston, Texas; Jacob Hutchings, freshman, Chicago, Ill.; Paul R. Jenkins, freshman, Norfolk, Va.; Cain M. Jones, freshman, Cleveland, Ohio; Lee E. Keeton, freshman, Fairfield, Texas; Erwin Lawrence, freshman, Cleveland, Ohio; Edward Moore, sophomore, Fort Worth, Texas; Paul E. Moss, freshman, Glen White, W. Va.; Robert Myers, senior, Madison, Ill.; James E. Penn, freshman, Reidsville, N. C.; Claude Platt, freshman, Reddick, Fla.; Willie M. Smith, sophomore, San Antonio, Texas, and H. I. Snell, sophomore, Ozark, Ala.

Color Line Being Crossed Out

At this season when everybody is football mad, it is pleasant to see how sport makes for understanding. The Lorain (Ohio) Journal in an editorial titled "Big John and Company," says:

The boys in the press box who had known him in junior high school laughed when Long John Willis went in as a substitute in his first high school game three years ago.

We thought this strange, so we investigated. It seems that they didn't mean any disrespect at all, but that Long John was a sort of unconscious clown, happy-go-lucky and with an irrepressible good humor. He was one of those rare persons that you instinctively laugh either at or with, as the case may be.

Long John, who was a trifle ungainly with his six-foot-two three years ago, is filled out now. They call him Big John. Tonight Big John plays the last home game of the regular season of his last year.

But they won't be laughing. They'll be cheering. And they won't be cheering just Big John, either, but the whoopingest powerhouse that Lorain High school has put out in the way of a football team since 1930.

In our estimation, one point overshadows the touchdown punch of the Lorain team this year. By some miracle, Big John, who has remained his old self throughout his high school career, has around him an eleven with the best team spirit that we have seen in years.

They all play hard and clean. There isn't a prima donna in the lot. And that's important!

Out on the coast the University of California at Los Angeles has several Negroes on its first team, one of All-American calibre. New York university has a brown linesman. In between in many states Negroes are "making the team," a recognition of worth and nothing less. With the home team fans calling for victory, which when won is partly of their making, the w. k. color line is being crossed so much it will be crossed out.

You Can See Those Negro Stars 'Good Enough for Majors' Tom'w

Gibson & Co. in Double Header at the Stadium

By Norman Seamore

About half the 25 Negro stars Bill McKechnie thinks should be playing big league ball will appear in the final two games to determine the winner of the Ruppert Trophy at the Yankee Stadium tomorrow afternoon. The Homestead Greys and Baltimore Elite Giants are both tied in the competition for the cup and tomorrow's contests should provide the winner.

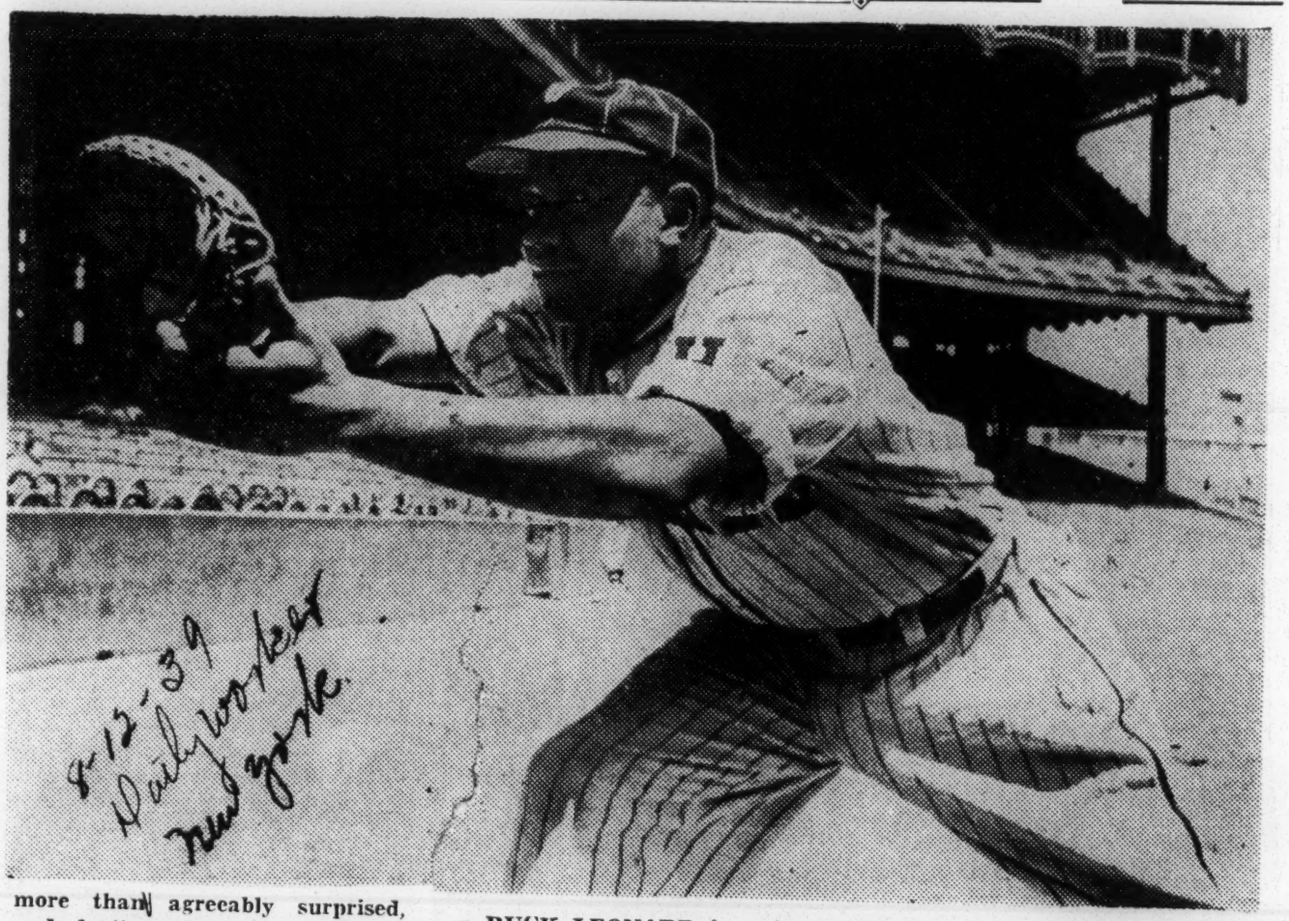
Josh Gibson and Buck Leonard, two of the greatest Negro players today, will lead the Greys in their game against the New York Black Yankees. The Greys are the most powerful Negro team in the East and should win their game easily, but if pitcher MacDuffie of the Yankees should turn in one of his low-hitting performances the Pittsburgh team will find the going tough.

Gibson, who is a terrific slugger, having hit over 55 homers this season, has yet to have a good day at bat at the Stadium. In his two previous appearances the opposing pitchers were content with walking him every other time he appeared at the plate, and Josh has promised not to disappoint the fans tomorrow if MacDuffie throws the ball anywhere within ten feet of the plate.

The Elite Giants have been the real surprise of the series and their success is in no small part due to the amazing batting of Babe Hoskins who has seven doubles and a triple for nine trips to the plate in his two appearances at the Stadium. Lefty Tiant will hurl for the Cubans against the Giants and this game should be a real thriller.

You fans who haven't seen these great stars in action should be at the Stadium tomorrow and be prepared to compare them with the major leaguers. You'll be more than agreeably surprised, and don't forget those petitions. Bring along a couple and ask the people next to you to sign them.

A Big League 1st Baseman



BUCK LEONARD is a first sacker who can hit, field, throw and run up to big league standards. You'll see him at the Stadium tomorrow with the Homestead Grays. You'll see him at the Stadium more often very soon the way the managers and players are coming out against discrimination.

PERSONAL---BUT NOT PRIVATE

By DAVE FARRELL

Dave Getting Reaction of Minor Leaguers on Jim Crow

Here are a few notes at random: Ere too long I shall have a lot more to say about the Negro in organized baseball. I'm going to do a survey among the players and managers in the PCL and get their reactions and opinions. Since the future of baseball lies in the minor leagues, it should be interesting to get the slant of the real rank and filers of baseball on this important question. The Coast League is a little too high up in baseball's social scale to give me the real pulse beat. The babies out here are only a rung down the ladder from the major leagues. I wish I could get around in the C and B leagues to get you the feel of the kids who are the stars of three or four years off. However, we have some mighty interesting characters in our loop and I ought to dig up something

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I don't know why it is but all a sports writer has to do is say something in print about a player or a club and immediately he's put the whammie on them. I write a series on the Cincinnati Reds and tell about their other appearance in a World Series—and bingo their lead gets hacked almost in half. However, I still am convinced that they'll cop by about seven games, providing nothing serious happens to Bucky Walters or Paul Derringer.

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I'm glad to be able to report that all of my pre-season predictions haven't gone sour. For instance prior to the season I went on record by saying that young Ted Williams would do very nicely in right field for the Tom Yawkeys. The last time I looked this first yearman was pretty close to the top of the American League in runs batted in. I likewise ventured the opinion that Merrill May would help Prothro's phaltering Phils a lot. Mr. May is at the most only a lap dissolve from the .300 mark. If the guy were just a leedle bit faster, he'd be an outstanding star. I likewise beat the drums for Rip Russell to make the grade for the Cubs. Much as I like Rip Collins, who came down to us, I've got to admit that our rookie is playing plenty of ball for Mr. Wrigley's factionals.

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Sam Breadon is having his troubles drawing the cash customers to see his Cards play ball, which is strange considering that the club is in second place. On a day when the Cards drew 894 paid admissions to see a home game, and on a Friday at that, Sacramento, a member of the Cardinal farm system, drew over 10,000 to a night affair with the Angels. The words "night affair" might spell the difference. Incidentally I'be been wondering about a pitcher that belongs to the Cards and why he is allowed to linger in the Coast League. He is Tony Freitas, who has just finished a string of 33 scoreless imings, allowing only nine hits in that time. In his last 47 innings Tony has given up only 1 run. His earned run average should look mighty sweet.

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Although the Cubs have little to cheer about this year, something I predicted early this April, next year might be different. I notice that Bobby Mattick is straffing the ball plenty since the Cubs brought him up from Milwaukee to replace Dick Bartell at short. There's an interesting story in this young man and this is as good a spot to tell it as any.

Bobby's old man was a ball player, having been a pretty good AA infielder. I'm not sure that he ever made the Big Tent, but he was plenty good, I believe he's scouting now. Bobby was brought up to think that a guy had to be able to read and count—only in so far as it helped him figure out hitting and fielding averages. He was a star as a kid and when he was about eighteen or so, he drifted out our way and played for the Angels. During the season of '36 he was going great guns, hitting north of the .350's. One day during batting practice he was standing right alongside of the cage, waiting to take his cuts. A couple of people warned him to get away—that he was too close for his own safety. But Bobby, being a typical kid, took nobody's advice.

Crash! A foul tip caught him on the head, a couple of inches above the eye. In the hospital his life hung in the balance for days. But his youth and athletic condition pulled him through. The rest of the year he was a trifle bat-shy. In '37 he had nothing more than a so-so year until Truck Hannah discovered something wrong with his stance and rigidity of elbow. Once Truck corrected that Bobby began to hit better.

Last year he was sent to the AA and then to Syracuse in the Internationals where he wasn't going any too good. By mid-July he disappeared from the box-scores and I found no trace of him until after the season was over when my pal Red Barrett, who pitched for the Chiefs, told me that Bobby had left the club and gone home to St. Louis. But along toward September it appears that the kid had found an eye doctor who thought he could do something for him. The oculist prescribed a set of exercises for him which Bobby was following religiously.

This year he found he was a new man and was playing bang-up ball when I saw him in spring training. But I didn't see what the Cubs were going to do with him with Bartell and Steve Mesner around. Stevie can hit with anybody and is a pretty good mechanical fielder. But Stevie is slow afoot and is none too fast upstairs. So Bobby was sent down. When Bartell began fighting his arthritis or whatever it is he has, the Cubs sent Stevie down and brought Bobby back. I've been following his batting average. At this writing the young man has been to bat 22 times and has 10 hits which according to my long division has him batting .454. If he stays within 175 points of that, young Mr. Mattick has another ten years to draw pay from the Wrigleys.

BTW Athletic Field To Be Dedicated Tomorrow

Newly named 11-30-39

By LENA LEVINE

An impressive ceremony will mark the naming of the Charles L. Harper Athletic Field tomorrow at 1 o'clock at Booker T. Washington high school, where thousands of students, graduates, and representatives of cross sections of Atlanta life will assemble.

Dr. Willis A. Sutton, superintendent of city schools, will preside over the program, which precedes the football game between Washington high and Spencer high of Columbus, Georgia.

Introductory remarks will be made by Mrs. Z. V. Peterson, chairman of the committee on Buildings and Grounds.

Addresses will be delivered by Mayor William B. Hartsfield, Joseph T. Walker, Charles L. Gideons and Reuben M. Taylor.

Ed Cook, president of the Board of Education, will name the field delivering the dedicatory address.

Special music will be rendered by the female sextet and faculty chorus, directed by Mrs. E. M. Groves, and the band under the direction of E. A. Starling.

A pennant will be raised by Thomas J. Davis, president of the student government, while Miss Dorothy Swann, recently crowned "Miss Washington", will unveil the plaque, which bears the name "Charles L. Harper Athletic Field".

Remarks will be made by Principal Charles L. Harper, to whom special tribute will be paid.

Prior to the game, Principal Harper will present a gold football to the captain of the team.

The public is cordially invited to be present on this occasion.

ARMSTRONG CHOICE TO RETAIN CROWN

Fans Show Keen Interest in Return Bout With Ambers Tuesday at Stadium

BETTING REPORTED LIVELY

Jacobs Expects Gate to Top $100,000—Long Training Grind Will End Today

HOW FIGHTERS COMPARE

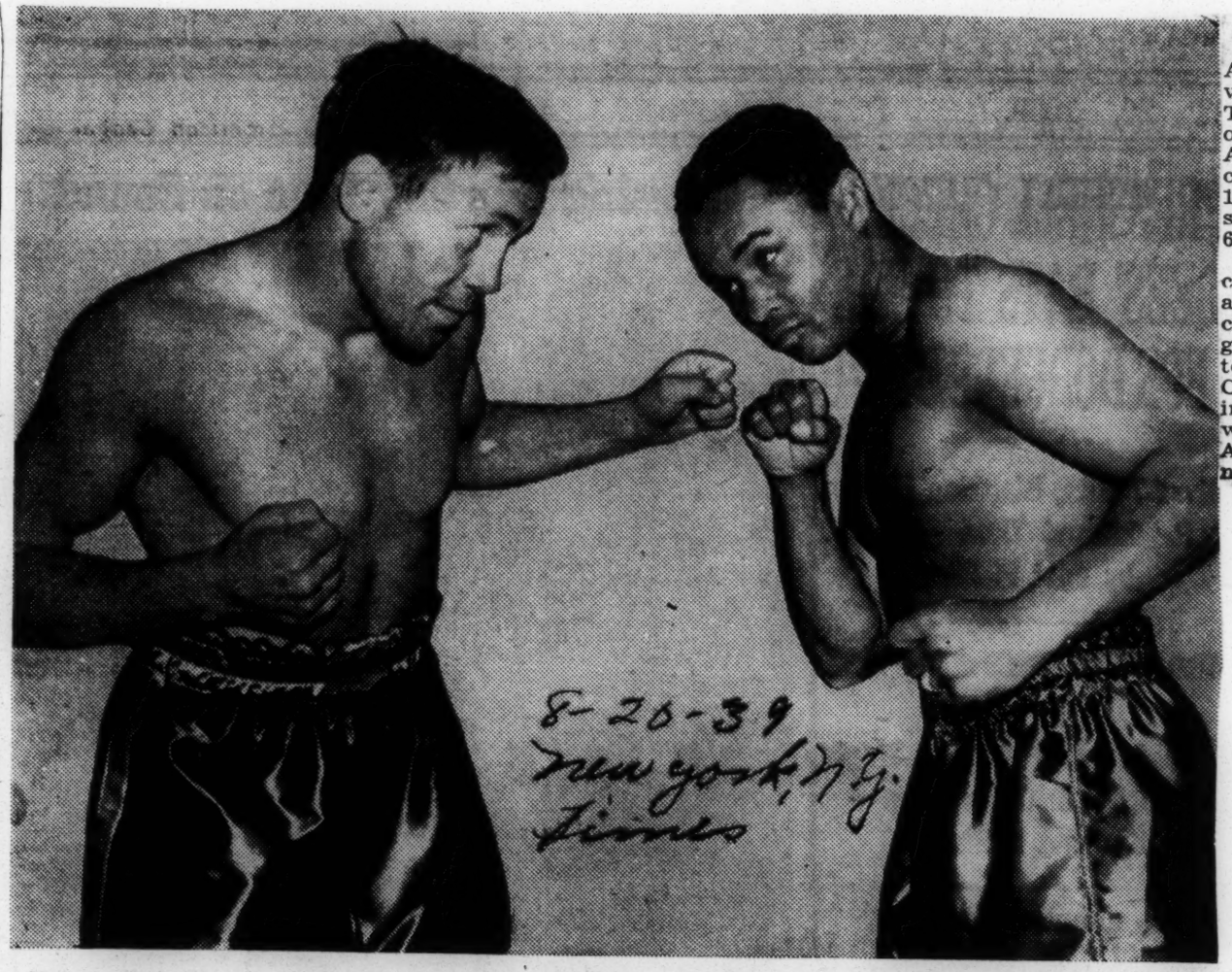
ARMSTRONG.		AMBERS
26 years	Age	25 years
135 pounds	Weight	135 pounds
5 ft. 5¼ in.	Height	5 ft. 6 in.
68 inches	Reach	70 inches
36 inches	Chest (normal)	37 inches
38¾ inches	Chest (expanded)	39½ inches
29 inches	Waist	29¾ inches
12½ inches	Biceps	13 inches
11½ inches	Forearm	12 inches
7 inches	Wrist	7 inches
19½ inches	Thigh	19¾ inches
12 inches	Calf	12 inches
9 inches	Ankle	9½ inches
15½ inches	Neck	15½ inches
9 inches	Fist	10 inches

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Tuesday night in the Yankee Stadium Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles Negro whose name will live in ring history as the fighter who held the world featherweight, lightweight and welterweight championships at the same time, is to meet Lou Ambers, the ring's hurricane from Herkimer, N. Y., in a fifteen-round bout.

They will fight for the lightweight crown Armstrong lifted from Ambers's brow a year ago. Following that meeting Armstrong surrendered his featherweight crown through inability to make the weight. Still in possession of two moderately prized ring titles, Armstrong finds himself something of a storm center, viewed from any angle.

He will face a fusillade of blows when he squares off against Ambers. And if the Coast Negro goes down to defeat there will probably ensue one of the most complicated arguments in the more or less involved history of the ring over whether Ambers automatically succeeds to two titles or must be satisfied with just one.



TO MEET IN LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE BOUT AT YANKEE STADIUM

Lou Ambers, the challenger, and Henry Armstrong, the champion

The State Athletic Commission has recognized this situation and has acted accordingly. The followers of boxing are aware of it, also, and are expected to react favorably, from the box-office standpoint. Promoter Mike Jacobs said yesterday he expects a crowd of about 30,000 to pay gross receipts in excess of $100,000 to view the match.

A Tradition of the Ring

In an attempt to circumvent a controversial situation in the wake of the bout the State Athletic Commission has compelled Armstrong and Ambers to sign contracts specifically stating that the lightweight title is the only one involved. This opens up a wide avenue of thought.

It has been the time-honored tradition of the ring that whenever a challenger is at weight, irrespective of the weight of the champion, the champion's title passes with defeat. It would seem natural that in the case of a double champion this tradition would hold, particularly when the challenger is at or under the lower class specified maximum.

If Ambers is at weight for the 135-pound lightweight class maximum he certainly will be under the 147-pound welterweight class limit, and there are veterans who insist, commission or no, that Ambers automatically succeeds to the titles Armstrong holds if he beats Armstrong. These adherents to an old-fashioned theory discount entirely the fact that Armstrong will be "making" 135 pounds and thus may be losing some of his fighting strength, an assumption of sacrifice which enters into the ruling of the commission.

November Bout in View

In any event, precautions have been taken to obviate any complications, evidently in the realization that the arguments are bound to follow if Ambers wins.

Armstrong and Ambers have entered into contracts by which it is provided they are to fight for the welterweight title some time in November if Ambers wins Tuesday night, and providing further that Ambers is not to engage in a ring test in the mean time. This, at least, is calculated to discourage Ambers's capitalizing on a double championship if the opportunity presents itself.

All this controversy pleases Promoter Jacobs. Because of it and because of a guaranteed competitive appeal the battle holds, he expects a banner crowd Tuesday night and has priced his tickets to meet a mass demand. His ringside seats are selling at $16.50 each. Other reserved seat tickets sell for $11.50, $5.75, $3.50 and $2.50 each, all prices including tax.

The Twentieth Century Sporting Club executive has 20,000 admission tickets he intends to place on sale at 5 o'clock Tuesday night, when he plans to open the Stadium. These will be sold at $1.25 each and will admit purchasers to the upper stands. The regular bleachers will not be used.

The story of the bout will be broadcast over the blue network of the NBC. It will start not later than 10 P. M. The first bout on the card is scheduled for 8:30.

Plenty of Wagering

Betting on the fight is lively. Armstrong, favorite in their previous meeting, is the choice to win Tuesday night—but not by any such one-sided margin as obtained last August. Whereas the Negro double champion was quoted at 1 to 3 and 1 to 4 a year ago, for the coming scrap the odds favor Armstrong at 6 to 5 and 7 to 5.

The double champion and the ex-champion are in excellent condition after long weeks of training. Each comes to the end of the preparatory grind today, Armstrong at Pompton Lakes, N. J., and Ambers at Carmel, N. Y. Tomorrow they will indulge in only light exercise. They will meet on the scales of the State Athletic Commission Tuesday at noon to be weighed.

Eastern All-Stars Get Revenge On Western Nine

Well, we did it. Our Eastern All-Star team caught those Western All-Stars at Yankee Stadium Sunday and pasted them all over the park to the tune of a 10-2 score. Upwards of 20,000 fans sat in the stands to see the American Leaguer get their lumps—and how they got 'em. Three Western hurlers were touched for a total of twelve safeties, including a mighty triple by Josh Gibson with the bases loaded, while Bill Byrd, Terris McDuffie, and Leon Day were holding the visitors to seven scant hits.

The West started off to a one run lead in the first inning when Johnny Lyle scored on Neil Robinson's single to center. The East came right back in their half of the same inning and evened the count. One of Owens curves caught Willie Wells in the shoulder giving him a free trip to first. He took third on Ed Stone's single and scored on Josh Gibson's long fly that traveled right to the 402 feet marker in left field.

A four run uprising in the second inning sent Owens to the showers and put the East way out in front. Buck Leonard started the rally by getting a base on balls. Vic Harris singled, advancing Leonard to third. Sammy Hughes walked and the bases were loaded. Byrd flied out but Bill Wright singled to score Leonard and Harris. Wells came up with a double, scoring Hughes and Wright, and young Jimmy Johnson, schoolboy southpaw from Toledo, took Owens' place on the mound. Johnson made Stone ground out to second, walked Gibson, and ended the inning by striking out Pat Patterson.

Byrd pitched hitless ball for the second and third innings and retired in favor of McDuffie. The East added another marker in their half of the fifth when Stone singled, Gibson walked, Bassett threw wild in an attempt to catch Stone off second, and Patterson hit a long fly giving Stone plety of time to come in from third. third.

McDuffie yielded the last run for the Westerners in the sixth. Robinson singled, take second on Radclih's single, advanced to third on Turkey Stearns' log floy, and scored on a fielder's choice.

Hilton Smith relieved Johnson in the sixth and did all right until the eighth inning when he was the victim of a four run barrage that virtually snowed the West under. With one out, Wright doubled and went to third on Lyle's bad throw to Radcliffe. Stone walked, filling the bases. Gibson polked a triple past Robinson in center, clearing the bags. Gibson then scored on Leonard's single to right.

Leon Day, who relieved McDuffie in the seventh held the Western team hitless for the rest of the way.

Before the game started, Henry Armstrong, world's welterweight champion, threw in the first ball with John Henry Lewis, undefeated world's light-heavyweight champion, on the receiving end. J. Finley Wilson, grand exalted ruler of Elks, umpired for the pitch. A host of old-time ball players, including such stars of yesterycar as Dick Redding, Joe Williams and Jack Page, were presented to the crowd.

WEST	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Wilson, lf	5	0	1	4	1	0
Lyle, ss	3	1	1	2	1	2
Strong, 1b	4	0	1	5	0	0
Robinson, cf	3	1	2	3	0	0
Radcliffe, 3b	4	0	1	2	1	1
Stearns, rf	3	0	1	2	0	0
Horne, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Riddle, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0
Bassett, c	2	0	0	4	1	1
Brown, c	0	0	0	1	0	0
Owens, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Johnson, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Davenport	1	0	0	0	0	0
**Williams	1	0	0	0	0	0
	32	2	7	24	7	4

*Davenport batted for Brown in the ninth.

**Williams batted for Smith in the ninth.

EAST	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Wright, cf	5	2	2	2	0	0
Well, ss	4	2	1	7	1	0
Stone, rf	4	2	3	1	0	0
Gibson, c	3	1	1	6	1	0
Patterson, 3b	5	0	0	0	0	0
Leonard, 1b	4	1	2	8	0	0
Harris, lf	2	1	1	1	0	0
Lopez, lf	3	0	2	0	2	0
Hughes, 2b	2	1	0	1	4	0
Byrd, p	1	0	0	1	1	0
McDuffie, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
Day, p	1	0	0	0	2	0
	36	10	12	27	11	0

Score by Innings

West	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—2
East	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	4	x	—10

Two base hits—Wright and Wells.

Three base hit—Gibson.

Hit by pitcher—Wells by Owens.

Strikeouts—By Byrd 1 in 3 innings; McDuffie, 3 in 3 innings; and Day, 1, in 2 innings.

Bases on balls—Off Byrd, 1 in 3 2-3 innings; off Owens, 2 in 1; and 1-3 innings; and Day 1 in 2 innings. Johnson 4 in 3 2-3 innings; McDuffie, 2 in 3 innings; Smith, 1 in 4 innings; ad Day 1 i 2 innings.

Umpires—McCray at plate; Young, Turner and Blue o base.

COLORS FLYING, HANK ARMSTRONG LETS TITLE SLIP

By TRIBUNE Staff Reporter

NEW YORK, (Ringside)—Henry Armstrong's flailing fists and headlong attacks caught up with him Tuesday night.

Making a title defense against Lou Ambers, which his lightweight crown was at stake, Henry's windmill-like attack found too many of his blows landing low, and these caused him to lose five rounds.

This in itself as catastrophe, for Ambers was "on" him and Hank had an uphill battle all the way.

The lost rounds, plus the tremendous battle Ambers put up, meant only one thing when the final bell was sounded—that Armstrong had lost his first fight in three years.

Just what this will mean to Armstrong remains to be seen. Whether it is just a brief hesitancy in his march to further ring greatness, or whether it means that the era of the Magnificent Maniac is over.

It was a stirring battle and the almost 30,000 people who were on hand for the show went away satisfied with the memories of rallies and counter rallies, surges and retreats, blood and more blood. For the first time in years they saw the man, who had one time held three championships at one time, retreat from the blows of a rival.

They saw him retreat, stop and forge ahead and he in turn poured leather in the face and body of his to be victorious opponent.

It was in the late rounds that Hank was at his best. Then he concentrated on Ambers' head and the upper portion of his body. With the chance tack was destructive to what efforts Ambers made.

But by the time Henry opened up, the issue had been settled.

The smart Ambers made good use of his knowledge in the early rounds when he realized that a good many of Armstrong's blows were headed in illegal territory.

With the skill of the veteran he maneuvered his body in such a way that many of the blows slipped down into foul territory and thus counted against the champion.

Nevertheless, the matter was clear cut. Armstrong was just up against Nemesis and there wasn't much he could do, though he never stopped trying.

Handicapped by an inability to make the weight, and no doubt weakened by his efforts in that direction, Henry climbed into the ring at the Yankee Park against a man whom it is said never lost a return match. Ambers was out to get his lightweight crown back, having never been satisfied that Armstrong really beat him in their first fight, which was a close one.

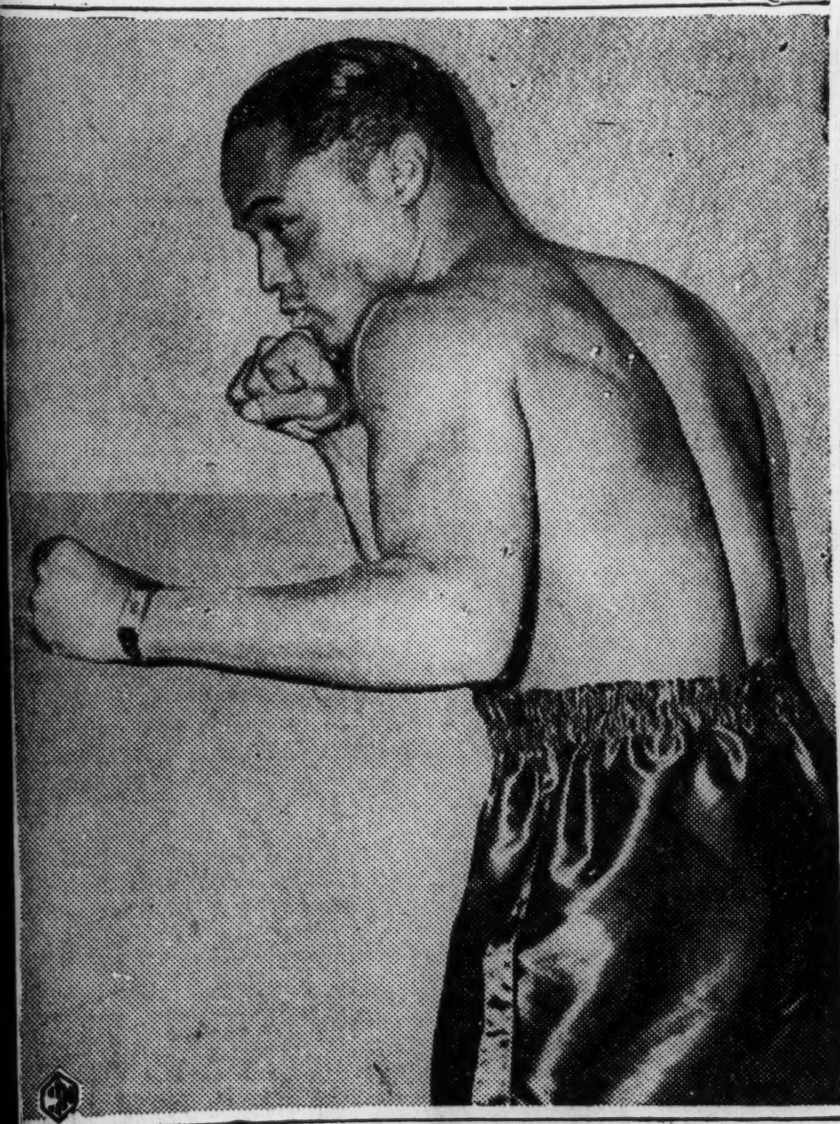
The decision of the referee and the judges was unanimous and it was all against Armstrong.

However, Hammering Hank, who was slightly off form Tuesday night, still holds on to his welterweight crown. He has a return match coming up with Ambers in the early part of the winter and the crown may again change hands, as no one has ever accused Armstrong of taking things lying down.

Eddie Mead, his manager, made the conventional cry of "We wuz robbed", but even Armstrong's staunchest supporters could hardly do anything else than admit that Tuesday really wasn't the night for Hank.

Armstrong's right eye was opened by some of Ambers' punches while Lou's left eye was badly lacerated. Aside from that neither of the warriors was particularly badly hurt.

Armstrong Fouled Ambers Five Times, Says Donovan



Henry Armstrong

Ambers Regains Belt From Hank

Little Henry Continues To Rule Welterweight Division

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK CITY—(SNS)—Henry Armstrong has one thing to be thankful for. He's still a champion.

He is Welterweight Champion of the World this morning, while Tuesday evening before his fight with the clever Lou Ambers, the little "Brown Bomber" was champ of the welterweight and lightweight divisions.

Several months ago, Armstrong held three titles at the same time. He gave the featherweight belt away. Three crowns were too many for him to defend.

Here in the big stadium Tuesday night, Henry Armstrong was fighting the man who lost the lightweight throne to him a year ago. Experts had said Henry would have a hard time winning again from Ambers because Ambers had never lost a return match.

The experts said Armstrong's hands were brittle and that he would not be able to use his mitts when the going got tough.

Ambers won the fight, but how? "Little Perpetual Motion" lost five rounds because he landed low blows. At least, that is what Referee Arthur Donovan said.

And every time the referee said "take that round from Armstrong because he landed a low blow" the fight fans yelled disapproval.

It was a close decision, even if Armstrong did lose five rounds on fouls. Many of the score cards gave Ambers eight rounds and Armstrong seven rounds.

Upon being voted the winner of the match, Ambers danced about the ring, whirling a wet towel into the air. Later on he admitted that he had fought the hardest fight of his life.

According to their contract, both men will stage a return bout within the next 60 days.

Ambers was exceptionally good Tuesday night, but his fighting could not be compared with the fine job turned out by the smart little Armstrong.

Armstrong was the aggressor all the way through. In the early rounds he was missing his shots. And when he did land a solid blow, the referee insisted that Mr. Armstrong landed below the belt.

Armstrong was the little master from the eleventh on through the final stanza. He poured rights and lefts into the body of the challenger and kept him leaning against the ropes. Henry was fighting with his old vigor and vim. He had Ambers missing.

Ambers Picked To Decision Armstrong

(Here's how fight writer Stan Kurman sizes up the big fight. Sports Ed. Lester Rodney will be in with his prediction tomorrow.)

Lou Ambers will regain his lightweight title from Henry Armstrong at the Yankee Stadium tomorrow night. It will take Lou the full fifteen rounds to beat the great double-champ but he'll come through.

It will be another close, gruelling battle between two top-notch little fellers but Lou will have just enough to come through.

Ambers may hit the deck under the hooks of his harder-punching foe, but he'll come back the same way he did in the first fight.

Lou's plan of attack—keeping on top of Henry throughout to work in those cutting right uppers—will do the trick. Henry will suffer from loss of blood and will just be a bit short of the mod at the finish.

Anyhow it's as close a fight as we've seen in years and nothing is guaranteed.—***Stan Kurman.***

Facts on Fight Tonight

Principals—Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, world lightweight and welterweight champion, vs. Lou Ambers, Herkimer, N. Y.

Title at Stake—World lightweight championship.

Length of Bout—Fifteen rounds to a decision.

Place—Yankee Stadium, 161st Street and River Avenue, the Bronx.

Time of Title Bout—10 P. M.

Probable Attendance—30,000.

Probable Receipts—$100,000.

Purse—Armstrong 40 per cent of net receipts, Ambers 20 per cent.

Postponement Date—Tomorrow night.

Officials—Referee and judges to be assigned at ringside by State Athletic Commission.

Betting Odds—Armstrong favorite at 1 to 2.

Weight—Not more than 135 pounds at noon today.

Prices of Tickets—$16.50, $11.50, $5.75, $3.50 and $2.50 (including tax) for reserved seats, $1.25 (including tax) for general admission (upper stand).

Preliminaries—Mike Kaplan, Boston, vs. Frankie Cavanna, East Side; Al Nettlow, Chicago, vs. Jimmy Vaughn, Cleveland; Milo Theodorescu, Rumania, vs. Irish Eddie Dolan, six-round bouts. Steve Paddon, Brooklyn, vs. Frankie Runyan, Harlem; Bernie Miller, Harlem, vs. Pete Mascia, Brooklyn, four-round bouts.

Radio Broadcast—NBC network, beginning at 10 P. M.

Time of First Bout—8:30 P. M.

Gates Open—5 P. M.

Armstrong's Manager Raging Over Decision

Mead Charges Referee Donovan Was Unfair; Gate Receipts Total $137,925.07.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—(AP)—A Mead, rotund manager of Henry Armstrong, is going to move heaven and earth, if necessary, to get a reversal of last night's decision that gave Lou Ambers and the lightweight boxing championship.

Mead said he would ask the New York State Athletic Commission Tuesday to reverse the decision. Failing in that, he said, he will ask Secretary of State Michael Walsh in Albany for an investigation.

Mead also said he would ask the commission why Louie Beck, assistant secretary to the commission, sat on a stool in Ambers' corner and assisted in coaching the Herkimer, N. Y., lightweight throughout the fight.

"Referee Arthur Donovan went out of his way to hamper Armstrong," said Mead. "He pushed Armstrong off Ambers whenever he was going to work on him and he penalized Henry for invisible low punches while he let Ambers violate every rule in the book."

General John J. Phelan, chairman of the commission, took Mead's criticisms lightly.

"It was a unanimous and satisfactory decision," said the general. "We had three outstanding men there as officials and their decision will stand."

Of Mead's intention to ask the commission to reverse the decision, Phelan asked:

"Did you ever hear of the commission changing a decision?"

Phelan also dismissed Mead's threat to go to the secretary of state with:

"Mead is good and mad now. He has to get all of this off his chest."

Armstrong himself had little to say. He planned to visit his physician this afternoon and have the cut over his right eye examined.

Meanwhile, Al Weill, manager of Ambers, said Lou was ready to meet Henry again at any time. They are scheduled to fight for Armstrong's welterweight title in November.

The official figures for the fight gave the paid attendance as 29,088 with gross receipts of $137,925.77. The net was $15,651.85. An additional $7,500 was realized from the picture and radio rights.

After the deduction of the federal tax of $14,140.46 and the state tax of $7,388.46, Armstrong received $40,947.99 and Ambers $23,398.55.

Both eyes badly bunged up, night's rest failed to call off Eddie Armstrong, and he declared he was ers victory over Hammerin' Henry Armstrong visited the offices of Dr. Alexander Schiff. Both Armstrong and Mead claimed Henry's eye injuries were caused by "thumbing," but Dr. Schiff said he couldn't confirm that because Armstrong couldn't get his eyes open wide enough for a thorough examination.

Mead said Armstrong definitely would not attempt to fight in the lightweight division again.

To Ask Reversal On Armstrong - Ambers Fight

Manager Mead to Press Charges— Galento Doesn't Want Referee Donovan for Nova Fight

By Stan Kurman

Manager Eddie Mead will tell the State Commission next Tuesday why they should reverse the decision and lightweight title handed to Lou Ambers at the Yankee Stadium Tuesday night and return the crown to Henry Armstrong.

With referee Arthur Donovan, who took five rounds away from Henry for low punching, on the biggest spot, Mead will also lambast Commissioner Bill Brown for a reported pre-fight statement that "Armstrong will lose six rounds on fouls."

Mead will also charge that a high official sitting ringside near Ambers' corner coached Donovan in the foul-calling. Mead will further follow up his statement, reported exclusively in the Daily Worker, that "Tammany politicians behind Ambers were responsible for this."

Plans for Armstrong to defend his welter title, lone crown remaining from the three he held concurrently against Ambers November 1 are held up pending Commission action on Mead's charges.

Meanwhile the fight world and sport fans are pointing the finger at Donovan's weird exhibition. Donovan is almost definitely out as third man in the Lou Nova-Tony Galento fight in Philly September 7.

Both Nova and Galento had agreed on Donovan after his handling of Lou's fight with Max Baer and Tony's with Joe Louis. But Galento, who sat working press Tuesday night, said afterwards that Donovan went way overboard in taking five rounds from Armstrong.

Galento nad Jacobs will press for the appointment of George Blake, California official who did a fine job in the Louis-Jack Roper fight. Blake's rep is aces high and he'll undoubtedly be acceptable to Nova.

DogBitesDodger

(NEWS ITEM: Dog bites Cookie Lavagetto of Dodgers at dinner given to members of team.)

Could it be that the dog, a baseball fan, mistook Cookie's "Nice Terrier," for "Nice Terry"?

"Every fighter wears a protective belt now," said Jack, who was greeted by a tremendous ovation when he was introduced at ringside shortly before Armstrong squared off with Lou Ambers. "How can there be fouls if a fighter can't be hurt? I think they should ignore easy taps below the waist. Boxing isn't a sissy's game."

kid who is the current sensation of the amateurs, came through with another of his Joe Louis specialties when he kayoed Mayo Gardini in the first at the Negro Elks show at Rockland Palace Wednesday night. . . .

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Unbeaten Maxie Shapiro puts his 32-fight win string on the line against Johnny Cabello in the feature eight at Dexter Park Monday night. . . . Semi-final eight shows Herbie Katz, Brownsville lightheavy, against Curtis Sheppard. . . .

Donovan All Wrong Dempsey

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"Negroes Will Never Crash Majors," Says Bill Terry; Carl Hubbell Lauds Colored Players

By WENDELL SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

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"I do not think that Negro players will ever be admitted in the majors!" That was the startling, but frank and clear-cut answer "Memphis Bill" Terry, famous manager of the New York Giants, gave us on the afternoon of May 23 in the Giants' locker room when we fired that vital question at him in regards to Negro ball players crashing the major leagues. Bill Terry has been piloting the "Broadway Beauties for seven years now. Before that he was one of the outstanding first basemen in baseball. His

brilliant rise from an obscure class "D" minor leaguer to an important executive on one of the richest teams in baseball reads like an Horatio Alger tale.

Shrewd William H. Terry took over the Giant reins upon the death of famous "rough and tumble" era, John McGraw in 1932. Fol- when flying spikes were as lowing the same policies that essential as the bat and ball, he learned from the "Grand and a pair of good fists one Ole Man," who developed him of the prerequisites for mak- from an unpromising piece of ing the grade in the majors. raw material into a product Few fans showed their af- of perfection, Terry has led fections upon this shrewd, without so much as flicking the Giants to three pennants, almost morose six foot three an eyelash. one world championship, and inch manager, who was once Like Gene Tunney was in has never finished lower than a sandlot pitcher, only to boxing, Terry is in baseball. third place.

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HUBBELL LAUDS SEPIA STARS

Bill Stern Names Kenny Washington All American

Bill Stern, National Broadcasting system ace sports announcer, named Kenny Washington, University of California at Los Angeles on his all-American eleven at half back, starting eleven, last week in Life, a national weekly magazine.

Jackie Wilson, Pasadena junior college ex-star, now a member of the U.C.L.A. clan, was named among the replacements.

Chicago Negro Pro Grid Team Coming Sunday

The Chicago Brown Bombers, a negro professional football team, are scheduled to play the New Orleans Pirates at Pelican Stadium next Sunday afternoon, December 10. The visitors claim to be the greatest negro gridiron team in the country, but expect a real test when they meet the Pirates. The latter have been strengthened by the addition of several players from Texas and Arkansas.

Outstanding player on the Chicago team is Bernie Jefferson, former Northwestern university star. His sensational running has been chiefly responsible for victories scored to date by the Bombers.

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From the sultry clubhouse we went out on the field and stood behind the big batting practice cage while the Giants took their pre-game cuts.

As the men came up to take their swings, we put them on the witness stand and fired the questions.

The first star we talked to was mighty Mel Ott, the "Louisiana Lasher," who came up to the Giants in 1926 and has been raisin'

"MEMPHIS BILL" TERRY

Cain ever since.

John McGraw picked Mel up when he was just a kid in knee pants. Last season he scored 116 runs to top the league, and led his team in hitting with a .311 mark. He has clubbed 342 home runs in his big league career, which is more than any other National Leaguer has ever hit.

"I haven't seen very many of the real good colored players," said Ott, "but I have seen a few whom I thought were as good as major leaguers."

Unfortunately, Ott could not remember the names of the sepia stars who had impressed him.

"I've heard a great deal about Satchell Paige and Josh Gibson," Ott told us, "but I haven't had an opportunity to see them. From what other big leaguers tell me, they must be good enough for the majors."

After firing the question at Mel Ott, we asked Zeke Bonura, Tony Lazzeri, who had just been signed by the Giants and is now a minor league manager, Bob Seeds and Cliff Melton, what they thought about Negro ball players.

While each admitted they knew that there were a number of sepia diamond greats around the country, none of them had seen any of them.

Great Carl Hubbell Lauds Playing of Josh Gibson and Famous 'Satch' Paige

Finally, in desperation, we walked over the giant dugout and cornered one of the greatest hurlers the game has ever known. The man who was first turned down by Detroit because he didn't have a fast ball and was as wild as a March hare, and then suddenly appeared on the horizon with his famous "screw ball." The man who literally pitched the Giants to two straight pennants, in '36 and '37, and reached the pinnacle of pitching fame by sheer determination—Carl Hubbell!

"King Karl"—who stands established with the all-time greats.

Sitting in the dugout with perspiration rolling off his likeable countenance, the result of a hard workout shagging flys, Hubbell surprised us by being the most talkative of all the Giant players.

Terry warned us before hand that Hubbell would have little or nothing to say.

"He's the quietest man on the team," Terry told us, "I doubt that you will be able to get anything out of him."

But Ole' 'Hub' crossed us up. He talked!

"Sure," said the lanky left-hander, whose twists and slants earned him a place in the Hall of Fame on May 8, 1929, when he mowed down the Pittsburgh Pirates without a hit or run, winning his game 11 to 0. "I've seen a lot of colored players who could make it up here in the big leagues."

This Carthage, Mo., great, who is six feet tall and weighs 170, is certainly qualified to voice his opinion on the respective abilities of the hundreds of ball players he has seen down through the years.

He is the first National League hurler since Alexander to win 20 or more victories in as many as five successive seasons. His record of 24 straight triumphs, spread across the end of the '36 and the start of the '37 seasons, is the longest winning streak in the history of modern pitching.

No wonder they say there's only one Hubbell!

"First of all," said the great mound master, "I'd name this big guy Josh Gibson, the catcher. He's one of the greatest back-stops in the history of baseball, I think."

Hubbell, the man whom they said wouldn't talk, seemed to grow more enthusiastic as he lauded the playing of the famous Gibson.

"Boy—how he can throw!" exclaimed Hubbell.

"There seems to be nothing to it when he throws. He just whips the ball down to second base like it had a string on it. He's great, I'm telling you. Any team in the big leagues could use him right now."

"But with all that," said Hubbell, "the thing I like best about him is that he's as fast as greased lightning. You know, after a few years a catcher usually slows up considerably from bending down so much. But that guy—why, he's never slowed down."

'Hub' Recalls Day He Saw Josh Gibson Beat Out Bunt to First

Hubbell recalled an incident that happened at Forbes Field a few years ago, when he was in Pittsburgh with the Giants. The New Yorkers had a day off and 'King Karl' took a bus man's holiday by going out to the park to watch the Homestead Grays play.

"Gibson came to bat in that game," said Hubbell, "and laid down a bunt that rolled almost to the pitcher.

"And," he said excitedly, "do you know that he beat the throw to first!"

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One thing is certain—Bill Terry is not in favor of opening the closed door and accepting sepia diamond stars!

From the sultry clubhouse we went out on the field and stood behind the big batting practice cage while the Giants took their pre-game cuts.

As the men came up to take their swings, we put them on the witness stand and fired the questions.

The first star we talked to was mighty Mel Ott, the "Louisiana Lasher," who came up to the Giants in 1926 and has been raisin' Cain ever since.

"MEMPHIS BILL" TERRY

John McGraw picked Mel up out of him when he was just a kid in knee pants. Last season he scored 116 runs to top the league, and led his team in hitting with a .311 mark. He has clubbed 342 home runs in his big league career, which is more than any other National Leaguer has ever hit.

"I haven't seen very many of the real good colored players," said Ott, "but I have seen a few whom I thought were as good as major leaguers."

Unfortunately, Ott could not remember the names of the sepia stars who had impressed him.

"I've heard a great deal about Satchell Paige and Josh Gibson," **Ott told us, "but I haven't had an opportunity to see them. From what other big leaguers tell me, they must be good enough for the majors."**

After firing the question at Mel Ott, we asked Zeke Bonura, Tony Lazzeri, who had just been signed by the Giants and is now a minor league manager, Bob Seeds and Cliff Melton, what they thought about Negro ball players.

While each admitted they knew that there were a number of sepia diamond greats around the country, none of them had seen any of them.

Great Carl Hubbell Lauds Playing of Josh Gibson and Famous 'Satch' Paige

Finally, in desperation, we walked over the giant dugout and cornered one of the greatest hurlers the game has ever known. The man who was first turned down by Detroit because he didn't have a fast ball and was as wild as a March hare, and then suddenly appeared on the horizon with his famous "screw ball." The man who literally pitched the Giants to two straight pennants, in '36 and '37, and reached the pinnacle of pitching fame by sheer determination—Carl Hubbell!

"King Karl"—who stands established with the all-time greats.

Sitting in the dugout with perspiration rolling off his likeable countenance, the result of a hard workout shagging flys, Hubbell surprised us by being the most talkative of all the Giant players.

Terry warned us before hand that Hubbell would have little or nothing to say.

"He's the quietest man on the team," Terry told us, "I doubt that you will be able to get anything out of him.

But Ole' 'Hub' crossed us up. He talked!

"Sure," said the lanky left-hander, whose twists and slants earned him a place in the Hall of Fame on May 8, 1929, when he mowed down the Pittsburgh Pirates without a hit or run, winning his game 11 to 0. "I've seen a lot of colored players who could make it up here in the big leagues."

This Carthage, Mo., great, who is six feet tall and weighs 170, is certainly qualified to voice his opinion on the respective abilities of the hundreds of ball players he has seen down through the years.

He is the first National League hurler since Alexander to win 20 or more victories in as many as five successive seasons. His record of 24 straight triumphs, spread across the end of the '36 and the start of the '37 seasons, is the longest winning streak in the history of modern pitching.

No wonder they say there's only one Hubbell!

"First of all," said the great mound master, "I'd name this big guy Josh Gibson, the catcher. He's one of the greatest backstops in the history of baseball, I think."

Hubbell, the man whom they said wouldn't talk, seemed to grow more enthusiastic as he lauded the playing of the famous Gibson.

"Boy—how he can throw!" exclaimed Hubbell.

"There seems to be nothing to it when he throws. He just whips the ball down to second base like it had a string on it. He's great, I'm telling you. Any team in the big leagues could use him right now."

"But with all that," said Hubbell, "the thing I like best about him is that he's as fast as greased lightning. You know, after a few years a catcher usually slows up considerably from bending down so much. But that guy—why, he's never slowed down.

'Hub' Recalls Day He Saw Josh Gibson Beat Out Bunt to First

Hubbell recalled an incident that happened at Forbes Field a few years ago, when he was in Pittsburgh with the Giants. The New Yorkers had a day off and 'King Karl' took a bus man's holiday by going out to the park to watch the Homestead Grays play.

"Gibson came to bat in that game," said Hubbell, "and laid down a bunt that rolled almost to the pitcher.

"And," he said excitedly, "do you know that he beat the throw to first!"

"Yes, sir, I've seen a lot of colored boys who should have been playing in the majors."

Borican Tops 4th Record As Indoor Season Closes

World Marks A Hobby With Him

Sprints Last 100 Yards of Race In 11.2 Seconds

By CHARLES T. DAVIS
Special to Journal and Guide

HANOVER, N. H.— John Borican's meteoric rise to big-time stardom in track competition reached a smashing climax here last Wednesday night when he broke two world's records, bringing to four the number of all-time standards he has established in the brief span of five and one-half weeks.

The former Virginia State College ace, a native of New Jersey, erased the accepted marks for 880 yards and 800 meters in a specially arranged assault on Father Time on Dartmouth College's fine indoor track.

TIME OF RACE

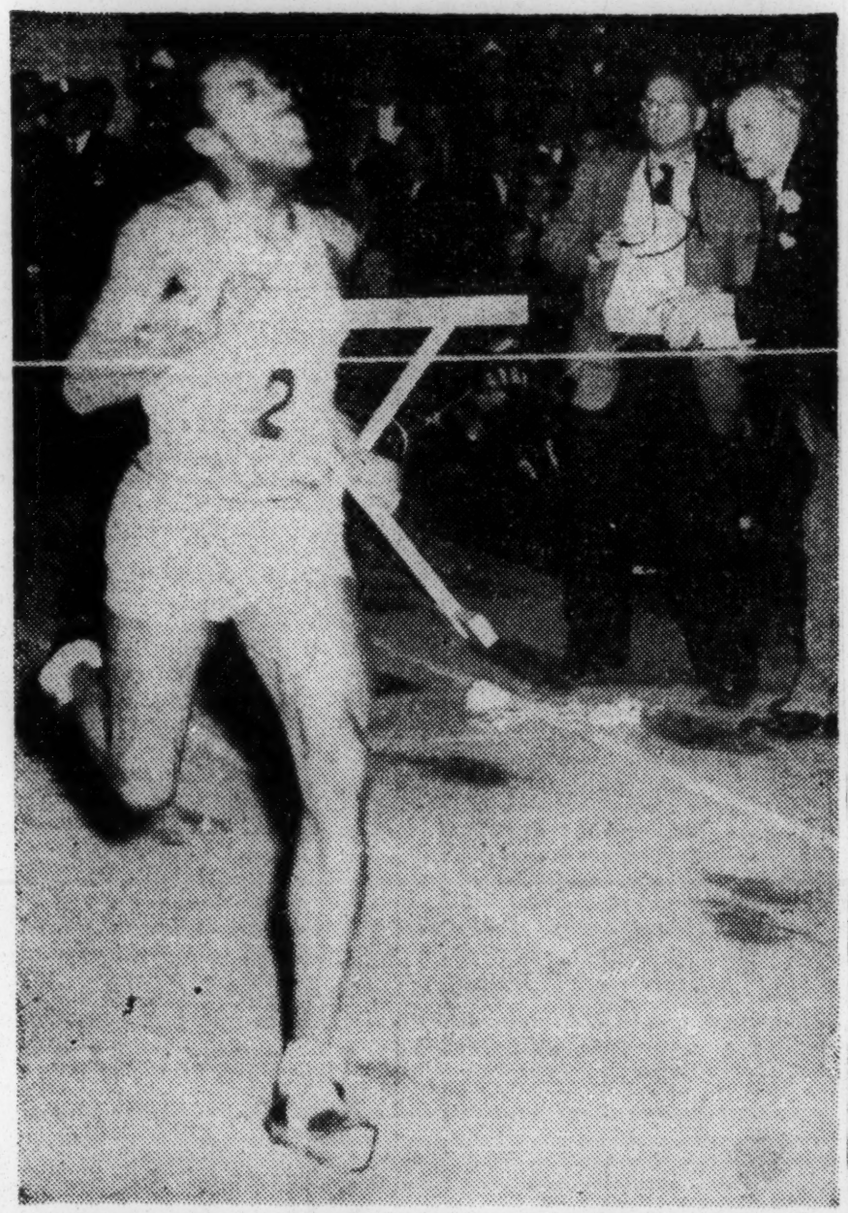
His time in the 880-yard dash was 1:49.8, and removes from the books the 11-year old indoor achievement of Lloyd Hahn, who ran the half-mile in 1928 in 1:51.4 on an eight-lap track during the I. C. 4-A meet.

Thus Borican shaved one and six-tenths seconds from Hahn's time. During the eleven years since Hahn ran his memorable race only one man, Russell Chapman of Bates, white, had come close to Hahn's standard.

His time in the 800 meters—shorter by 5 yards 3 1-4 inches than 880 yards—was 1:49.1. This also beat the record in this event, also held by Hahn and set in 1928. His time in the "metric half-mile" was also 1:51.4.

GREAT FINISH

One of the most amazing points about Borican's great performance was that at the end of a gruelling race he had enough "kick" to sprint the last hundred yards in 11.2 seconds, fast enough to outdistance the average person or high school sprinter running only the century distance.



His face reflecting the intense effort he is making, John Borican is shown breasting the tape to set a new world mark for the 800-yard run last Wednesday night at the Dartmouth College meet. Borican's time was 1:45.8. The former mark of 1:51.4 was set by Lloyd Hahn in 1928.

Borican's first quarter mile was run in 52.2 secnds and his second quarter in 57.6. Dartmouth's handicapped entrants in the race did not continue running well enough to furnish the pull necessary for an even better mark—leaving only the stop watch as Borican's rival.

After the race the former Trojan one-man track team said:

NOT SATISFIED

"I could have been two seconds faster if I had someone pulling me on."

Had he done that he would have hung up the fastest half mile, indoors or outdoor, ever run by a human being, and well under the world's outdoor half mile record of 1:49.2 made by England's Sydney Wooderson, now awaiting acceptance by the International Amateur Athletic Federation which passes only on outdoor events.

"I am happy, but not satisfied," Borican added. "I feel I could have done 1:48 flat. This is the fastest track in the country, indoors or out. It was really a pleasure to run up here."

CIAA RACES HARDER

"Many of my races in the CIAA for Virginia State College were harder than this. I would like to return next year for an attempt at the 1,000 yard and 1,000 meters records."

The athlete was treated like a prince while on the campus of the famous college, by students and faculty alike. The band of the college was out to add color to the occasion.

The Dartmouth track is 6 2-3 laps to the mile and Borican had to run approximately three and 2-6 laps.

AMAZING SEASON

On February 4 Borican set a new mark of 2:39 in the two-thirds mile for an indoor world's record, shaving the old figure by 4.6 seconds.

On last Saturday night he conquered Cunningham for the second time this winter — Cunningham's only current defeats—in the world record time of 2:08.8, shaving 1.3 seconds from Cunningham's own universal indoor mark of 2:10.1. Cunningham is recognized as the world's best miler and races at distances from 600 yards to two miles.

Wednesday's two records thus brought Borican's world's marks total to four. Through a technicality his 1,000 yard record may not be accepted.

FOUR NEGROES COP GOLDEN GLOVES TITLES

The Call

First Time in Chicago Tournament for Such Domination

3-17-39

CHICAGO — (ANP) — For the first time in the 12-year-old history of the Chicago Tribune's annual Golden Gloves tournament, four Negroes have been crowned champions. Survivors of an original starting field of 23,000 boys from the Mid-west and South, they won their titles before 22,132 spectators at the Chicago stadium Friday night.

The victors, who swept everything from lightweight to light heavyweight in the eight boxing divisions, are:

Johnny Pleasant, Savoy A. C., Chicago, lightweight.

Milton Jones, St. Louis, welterweight.

Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, middleweight.

Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, light heavyweight.

Most colored champions of any previous year were three in 1937 when Al Wardlow, Verne Patterson and William Joyce emerged victorious. Last year only one came through, Heavyweight Dan Merritt. But in 1939 domination by colored amateurs was so great that only two highly questionable decisions given in favor of their white opponents against Featherweights Homer Williams of Chicago and William Parson of Danville, Ill., prevented five of the eight champions from being dusky youths.

Probably the most promising fighter in the tournament was Milton Jones. The St. Louis boy, who is 17 and has been boxing less than a year, is fast, shifty, aggressive, hard to hit, has a fine left jab and a powerful right hand. Tall and still growing, he may end up as a heavyweight.

Others who were eliminated in the semi-finals Friday night included Willie Moon, Chicago, flyweight; James Joyce, Gary, Ind., bantamweight; Johnny Pea, Davenport, Iowa, and James Bivins, Cleveland, welterweight; Curtis McDaniels, Chicago, middleweight; Joe Murdock, Detroit, light heavy, and John

HENRY ARMSTRONG KAYOES FELDMAN IN FIRST ROUND

The Call — Kansas City, Mo.

Lightweight and Welterweight Champion Takes Only Two Minutes and Twelve Seconds to Bring About End

3-17-39

ST. LOUIS. — (Special) —Henry "Hurricane" Armstrong used his hometown as setting for one of the quickest knockouts of his career when he stopped Lew Feldman last night at the Arena after 2 minutes and 12 seconds of fighting in the first round.

Armstrong stepped into the ring amid the applause of the 9,816 spectators who had turned out to witness the lightweight and welterweight champion in a title defense against the Jewish fighter.

In the pink of condition and looking every inch the double-champion that he is Armstrong apparently was anxious to demonstrate to his hometown folks just what caliber of fighter he was, so proceeded to blast Feldman with everything that he had right from the start.

A left and a right to the head at the sound of the gong primed the spectators for the short end which followed. Feldman became groggy and it was a matter of approximately five more blows before the challenger was down for the count of nine.

Gaining his feet Feldman was met by an avalanche of blows which carried dynamite with every landing

A right to the jaw and a left to the chin sent Feldman down for the count of 10.

Walter Heisner refereed.

Armstrong weighed in at 135, wearing purple trunks; Feldman weighed in at 134.

3-17-39 — Call

Archie Moore, local middleweight who has been making great progress in the fistic world, won a 10 round decision over Marty Simmons, white, in the semi-final bout on last night's card.

Moore weighed in at 155 and three-quarters, spotting Simmons 10 and one-fourth pounds. Simmons weighed in at 166.

Tulsa Hornets Cop Title

Defeat of Savannah, Ga. Quint Clinches Crown for Sooner State Basket Team

14 States Represented

TUSKEGEE, Ala.—Tulsa, Oklahoma's Booker Washington high school Hornets cage squad won, undisputed, the Southern interscholastic basketball championship here in the tournament when they defeated Cuylar Beach High, Savannah, Ga., by the score of 31-29 last Saturday night.

Out of fourteen states, 27 boys' and 15 girls' teams fought their way through the tournament, of which the Oklahoma school stole the show from the entire group.

Under the watchful eyes of Coaches Seymour Williams and B. Coombs, the Hornets have been rated as about the best group of athletes in the Southwest. Nowhere can be found a more precisely timed trained bunch of athletes.

Throughout the entire country, in almost every Negro college of prominence, Tulsa's high school is well represented.

In four years, Seymour Williams 'grid teams have been defeated only once. Out of the entire season's many basketball contests the Hornet cagers have lost about four games.

The Tulsans lost no time in getting started as they fought their way to the finals against strong opposition by defeating every opponent they met. After the final game last Saturday night there was no doubt in the minds of the southern athletic officials that there was not a team west of the Mississippi that could stop the boys from Tulsa.

The Hornets also were crowned the Oklahoma interscholastic winners. They departed for home early Sunday morning.

Halt Fight When Foe Weakens

Atlanta World

4-1-39

Welterweight Title Retained By Little Hank

NEW YORK — (SNS) — Working with the same methodical precision that netted him three world's championship titles within a brief period of a year, Henry "Homicide-Hank" Armstrong made his sixth successful defense of his welterweight belt Friday night by winning a technical knockout over Davey Day after two minutes and 49 seconds of the twelfth round.

Rated by many sports writers as the favorite, Day, a tall, frail young Jewish lad, was in trouble almost from the opening bell, but through sheer gameness and determination fought toe to toe with the champion until he was forced to give in.

Only in two rounds was the sad-eyed challenger able to unleash the much - publicized paralyzing right. It was in the fifth and ninth rounds where he uncocked the supposedly deadly weapon, but Armstrong, bobbing and weaving in his baffling style, took his opponent's hard rights to the jaw in his stride, failing to even slow down to a normal pace.

MAKES FATAL MISTAKE

The Jewish lad made the fatal mistake of attempting to fight the same style that had previously proved disastrous for former Champion Barney Ross, who sat in Day's corner as his second.

His efforts to counter punch were tied up by Homicide Hank in an avalanche of rights and lefts to the body, jaw, ribs and face that were thrown fast and often and from every possible angle. Day, as did his predecessors in their efforts to halt Henry, was plainly baffled by the bewildering, crouching, weaving style that is Henry's.

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LOW BLOWS COSTLY

This style, however, cost Henry two rounds, the fifth and the eleventh, when Referee Billy Cavanaugh awarded them to Day, after Armstrong had delivered two punches that brought a round of boos from the fans.

A hard left to the challenger's right eye, left him with only one good orb after the fifth round. Armstrong was in a similar plight when a small cut appeared below his left eye at the end of the ninth.

Armstrong opened up the affair in a fast and furious first round with a series of short lefts and rights that forced Day to the ropes almost at the beginning. Day moving in a style very similar to that of the champion's crashed a left to Armstrong's jaw, followed by a hard right to the body.

BARRAGE OF DYNAMITE

It was in the second round when Armstrong let loose his barrage of dynamite, his arms working like pistons to rain hard rights and lefts to Day's chin and jaw, forcing the challenger to the ropes. Day was attempting to wrap his arms about the champion's neck as a protective measure when the bell rang.

It was Armstrong's bomb-filled left that cut Day down. In the fourth round the challenger was plainly hurt after the champ had uncocked his left in four hard blows in succession with the section just over Day's heart as the target.

Atlanta World

ARMSTRONG ANGERED

4-1-39

It was in the sixth and the twelfth rounds, when Hank apparently angered because he had lost the previous stanzas by low blows, really put on the pressure.

Day's seconds worked feverishly over the challenger at the end of the sixth after Armstrong's pounding in that round almost forced the sad-faced Jewish boy to his knees. Day, however, came out with renewed determination in the seventh. Day's head was constantly pumped back with a blast of hard, paralyzing blows that left him virtually helpless when the bell sounded.

Armstrong kept his game opponent constantly crowded to the rope, while never slackening his inhuman pace. The referee was forced to step between in the seventh, when Day, bewildered by the pounding blows, tried to grab hold of the champion with both arms.

In the final stanza, Day found no time to deliver any blows, he was kept so busy covering up from the cyclonic pounding of the champion. Three crashing blows to the ribs and body, followed in rapid succession by three hard lefts to the mouth and jaw of the challenger ended the affair in the twelfth.

Wilberforce Host to Mid-West Net Stars

WILBERFORCE, Ohio — The eleventh annual championships of the Mid-Western Tennis Association will be held on the courts of Wilberforce University, August 7 through August 12.

Wilberforce offers unexcelled facilities for the meeting. According to Supt. C. C. Jenkins, president of the Wilberforce tennis club, all arrangements have been completed for the tournament. Wilberforce offers ten well-kept tennis courts, comfortable well-equipped dormitories, a beautiful and shady campus, and an excellent cuisine.

Capt. James A. Nichols, president of the mid-western tennis association, announced that Coach F. Lewis has been appointed general chairman of the tournament committee, along with an experienced staff to aid him.

Prairie View College will send a delegation of eight players headed by Lloyd Scott, mid-western singles' champion; West Virginia State College will be represented by the Mid-Western Athletic Association champion, Theodore Cousins, and such well-known teammates as Tommy Walker, and Johnson Wells.

Information relative to accommodations may be secured by addressing the General Chairman, G. F. Lewis, Wilberforce, Ohio.

COLUMBUS FORMS CLUB

It was announced last week that a new club in the Mid-Western Tennis Association had been formed in Columbus, Ohio, bringing the number of clubs in the circuit to 20. This is the largest association affiliated with the American Tennis Association.

Jesse Far From Broke, He Says

ST. LOUIS —(ANP)— Jesse Owens, Olympic star and "world's fastest human," is far from broke although he recently went through bankruptcy court.

Here last week with the Pittsburgh Crawfords which played the Belleville Stars in a night game, Owens said his circumstances were very good. He asserted he owns a part interest in the baseball team and gives running exhibitions at athletic meets, fairs, baseball games and other events to provide to steady source of income.

Because he reportedly made some $50,000 in the Presidential campaign of 1936, his filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy proved surprising.

"I did that," the famous athlete said, "to avoid unjust judgment. Three years ago I became co-signer of a note for $20,000 which was to be used to produce a show in New York. Another co-signer took the money and disappeared. After action was filed against me, I filed a bankruptcy petition in order to avoid unfair judgment."

Jesse Owens On Baseball Tour

Pulls Dash Stunt In Fourth Inning

7-29-39

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jesse Owens, who gained fame in the 1936 Olympics by outrunning everybody in the dashes, has embarked on a new venture.

The "world's fastest human" appeared here recently with a baseball team known as the Crawfords, playing one-night stands through the sandhill country of Tennessee. They play any home town team, for percentage or on guarantee.

Just as he snatched the spotlight in the Olympic games, Owens, who has taken turns in politics, leading an orchestra, night-clubbing vaudeville and state and county free-acting, is the main attraction with the baseball team.

After the fourth ining, he handicaps the opposing baseball unit's fastest man by giving him a five-yard lead and overhauls him in 100 yards.

The fleet-footed Owens usually turns in 9.6 seconds time for the century, then circuits the bases in around 14.1 seconds, bows to the spectators and heads for the showers.

Five New Champs Rise at Tuskegee

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —New champions were crowned in five events, and only one defending champion stood the acid test of a score of rated stars and coming intercollegiate champions at the 15th Southern open tennis championships which closed a successful four days tournament here Saturday. 7-29-39

Mimmie McDaniel, Los Angeles, defeated his Xavier University teammate, Richard Cohen in straigh t sets, men's singles, 6-3, 6-1, 9-7. Miss Margaret Peters, also a new champion defeated her sister, Roumania, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Joseph King, the junior singles wonder, defeated the driving Louis Graves, New Orleans, another Xavier entry in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

George Branch, Tuskegee, was the only defending champion who won, defeating Francis Powell, Tuskegee, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

Jimmie McDaniel and Richard Cohen won the men's doubles, the closing event of the tournament, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.

The Misses Margaret and Roumania Peters won the women's doubles from Jessie Abbott and Mildred Brown, 6-0, 6-1.

Edmund Burke, chairman of the tournament committee, American Tennis Association, presented trophies to the winners and runners-up to close the 15th annual Southern Open Tournament and commended them for their fine sportsmanship throughout.

Newcomers took the lead from the named stars as the end neared Saturday and loomed as threats for the coveted titles of the 23rd annual National Championships that will be played off this year at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, August 14 to 19 inclusive.

KING DEFEATS RUSSELL

Upsets began in the early rounds when the sensational Joseph King, 17 year old Dorchester Academy entry, came from behind in the 3rd set with the score of 5-2 against him to win five straight games and the match from Clifford Russell, Tuskegee, ace of the North Carolina open tournament, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Seeded players in men's singles including Richard "Dick" Cohen, and James McDaniels, Xavier University; Ernest McCampbell, and Clifford Russell, Tuskegee Institute. In men's doubles Richard Cohen and James McDaniels and Ernest McCampbell and Clifford Russell were the seeded teams. In the junior singles, King and William McTeer were seeded.

In the women's singles, Margaret and Roumania Peters topped the list. In the boy's singles, George Branch, Jr., and Francis Powell were the seeded players.

Quarter finals: James McDaniels, Xavier, d. John B. Garritt, Tuskegee, 6-2, 7-5. Earnest McCampbell, Tuskegee, d. William Campbell, Tuskegee, 6-4, 10-8. Richard Cohen, Xavier, d. George Pinder, Nassau N. P. Bahamas, 6-1, 6-3. Joseph King, Dorchester Academy, McIntosh, Georgia, d. William McTier, Orangeburg, S. C., 6-0, 6-0.

Semi finals: James McDaniels d. Earnest McCampbell, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Richard Cohen d. Joseph King, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 4-6, 9-7.

Finals: James McDaniels d. Richard Cohen, 6-3, 6-1, 9-

WOMEN'S SINGLES

Quarter finals: Matilda Peters, Tuskegee, d. Celestine Hatchett, Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, 6-4, 6-2. Jessie H. Abbott, Tuskegee, d. Ruth White, Tuskegee, 6-3, 6-4. Margaret Peters, Tuskegee, d. Mildred Brown, Tuskegee, 6-1, 6-0.

Semi finals: Matilda Peters d. Jessie Abbott, 6-0, 8-6. Margaret Peters d. Letitia Woods, Tuskegee, 6-1, 6-0.

Finals: Margaret Peters d. Matilda Peters, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

MEN'S DOUBLES

Quarter finals: Richard Cohen and James McDaniels d. W. C. Lewis and William McTeer of Orangeburg, S. C., 6-1, 6-0. Robert Ashford, Columbus, S. C., and Joseph King d. Earnest McCampbell and Louis Rabb, Tuskegee, 6-2, 6-3.

Semi finals: Cohen and J. McDaniels d. George Pinder and William Campbell, 6-1, 6-1, 6-4. John B. Garrett and Howard Minnis, Tuskege, d. Robert Ashford and Joseph King, 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

Finals: Cohen and McDaniels d. Garrett and Minnis, 6-1, 6-4, 6-0.

Women's Doubles, Finals: Margaret and Matilda Peters d. Jessie H. Abbott and Mildred Brown, 6-0, 6-1.

JUNIOR SINGLES

Quarter Finals: Joseph King d. W. C. Lewis, 6-0, 6-1. Robert Ashford d. Francis Powell, 6-2, 6-3. Charles Powell d. William McTeer, 10-8, 0-6, 8-6.

Semi finals: Joseph King d. Robert Ashford, 6-1, 6-2. Louis Graves d. Charles Powell, 6-1, 6-4.

Finals: Joseph King d. Louis Graves, 6-1, 6-2.

BOYS' SINGLES

Quarter finals: Francis Powell d. Mathew Branche, 6-4, 6-0. Carl Wililams, Orangeburg, S. C., d. Harvey Davis, 6-1, 6-3. George Branche d. W. C. Lewis, 6-3, 6-4. Harold Powell d. Preston Roney, 8-6, 6-4.

Semi finals: Francis Powell d. Carl Williams, 6-0, 6-0. George Branche d. Harold Powell, 6-2, 6-0.

Finals: George Branche d. Francis Powell, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

GIRLS' SINGLES

Finals: Helen Hutchinson d. Margaret Washington, 6-3, 6-2.

Tiger Stars To Play at Hampton

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —Edmund H. Burke, comptroller of Tuskegee Institute, chairman of the tournament committee of the American Tennis Association, will accompany the Tuskegee delegation to the twenty-third annual National Tennis Championships which will be held at Hampton

EDMUND H. BURKE

Institute, Hampton Virginia, Aug. 14-15-16-17-18 and 19.

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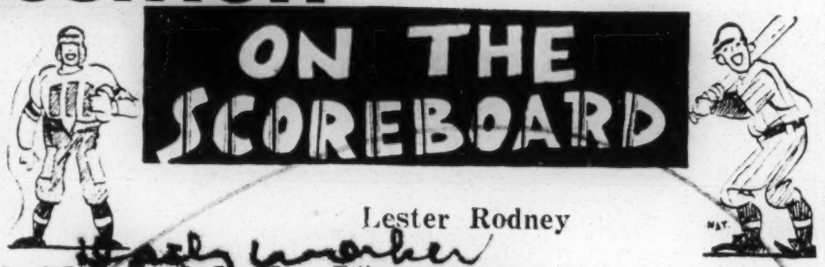
Others who will be members of the Tuskegee delegation are Cleve L. Abbott, vice-president of the association; Mrs. Cleve L. Abbott, Jessie Abbott, Margaret Peters, Roumania Peters, Frank J. Wright, Helen Hutchinson, Miss Cora O. Fant, Margaret Washington, Edythe Washington, Louise Washington, Laurice Campfield, Mrs. Celia E. Watkins, Miss Maude Watkins, Miss Essye L. Owens, Howard Minnis, Clifford H. Russell, Celestine Hatchett, Tillotson College, Austin, Texas, and E. E. Farley, assistant to the A. and R. Officer, 24th United States Infantry.

Tolan to Head Race Exposition

DETROIT, (ANP)—Eddie Tolan, former University of Michigan athlete and Olympic star who once was called the "fastest human," has been appointed to head the Seventy-Five Years of Negro Progress exposition which is to be held in this city during and in connection with the AME general conference in 1940.

For the past three years Mr. Tolan has headed up the state NYA work. He has not been let out by the NYA group as first reported, but has been merely loaned to the exposition committee to carry on its work, according to Dr. George W. Baber, chairman.

Tolan, who is still on the payroll of the NYA, will have under him a staff taken from the youthful workers on the setup whose compensation will, as formerly come from that source.



Lester Rodney

A Chat with the Manager Of the St. Louis Browns

We had a little chat with Fred Haney yesterday before he took his St. Louis Browns uptown to the Yankee Stadium. Fred's team has won twenty-four games this season while losing sixty-four, and is no less than thirty full games behind the league lead with little more than half the season gone.

Fred's an old ball player himself. He covered third base on those hell for leather Detroit teams of Ty Cobb's that boasted the hardest hitting outfield of them all, Heinie Manush, Fat Fothergill and Harry Heilman. He's been highly successful as a minor league leader and as an indication of the fact that they know he has done as good a job as possible under the conditions he stepped into, the Browns front office has already re-hired him for next year.

Fred had some interesting things to say about the difference between the Yankees and the Browns. "We didn't bring up any man from better than Class A-1 this year, and every player the Yanks bring up has had several seasons of AA ball. They call Donald the "Wonder Rookie." Why, he had three years of double A pitching with Newark and won 19 and lost 2 two years ago in that fast company. He was ripe, all the rough edges off. That's the finishing school. Now take a kid like this Kramer with us. He has to be rushed. Learn under fire. We haven't got the Yankee's wonderful system of farms that allows players to be nursed along. Class D two years ago, his first in organized ball. Class A last year. Now he's up here, working off his rough edges in the fastest company.

FRED HANEY

"Or Berardino. Right up from A ball, from San Antone. He's a kid with possibilities, but kids like him and Kramer, of course, would be better off with a couple of seasons in AA ball such as Gordon and Donald got. As far as the kids go, they have a chance of developing into good major league ball players this way—but they have to overcome the possible loss of morale in taking these beatings now. As far as the team goes, well, the kids are making their mistakes up here now and they're costing us ball games."

Isn't it a fact, we asked him, that the Yankees, giving them all due credit for far-seeing, generous building up of young players, now have a monopoly of talent through their far-reaching farm system that becomes bad for the game?

Haney agreed that something should be done, but thinks the emphasis should be less on "breaking up the Yanks" than on building the rest of the teams up to the Yanks.

There we were. Build the other teams up to the Yanks.

"Fred, you must have heard some of the favorable comment this year on the idea of taking Negro players into the league. Bill McKechnie, for instance, says he's seen twenty-five Negro players good enough to play big league ball, and that he'd hire a couple if given permission. Wouldn't that be the solution for the American League teams like the Browns—dip into this ready field of talent to build up to the Yankees?"

Haney admitted that he knew about McKechnie's statement, but made the point that he was managing in St. Louis, the only city in the major league circuits where Negroes are segregated in the grandstands. Because of the still strong Jim Crow nature of life in the Mound City, Haney felt that it was unwise for him to be quoted on the question.

"That's why I didn't answer the questionnaire. But I've seen great Negro players, really great ones, and you can quote me on that. I've only seen them a couple of times, of course, and I've heard some say maybe they wouldn't hold up all year in the majors. Well, I don't see why not."

So Haney joins unanimous chorus of big league managers and players in saying that there are many Negro ball players good enough to play major league ball, something nobody even attempts to deny now. In a city where Jim Crow still holds forth in sports, he doesn't want to be quoted as a manager about adding Negro stars to the Browns.

But what St. Louis Fred said is pretty important. It used to be that when the subject of Negro ball players came up there was an automatic ban on conversation. "There ain't no such ball players." The "leak" began a few years ago, when players like Joe Di Maggio began to pay their tribute to the caliber of stars like Satchell Paige. Now all must readily admit the fact that there are Negro players good enough. And a Haney will go on to squelch that following Jim Crow "argument" they "couldn't hold up in big league company."

It can't be long before the remaining reasons given for the maintenance of Jim Crow in our National Pastime will be shown to be equally false. Progress doesn't stand still even in St. Louis, Jim Crow outpost of the major circuits. For it was just last year that Henry Armstrong was asked back to honor the city of his birth by fighting a white fighter—and was cheered to the echo in the same auditorium where he had been forbidden to take part in mixed bouts five years before. And it was just last fall that University of Missouri students showed their revulsion for the action of their track coach in asking Wisconsin's track team to keep its Negro star home, by signing petitions right on the campus.

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CONN AND APOSTOLI AFTER THEY WEIGHED IN YESTERDAY

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Boxing Museum and Gymnasium Will Be Built on Fair Grounds

Plan Is to Have Louis Train in Arena for 4,000 Before June Fight—Champion in Hospital With Cold—Farr Sails

Boxing as an attraction at the World's Fair next Summer became a certainty yesterday. Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C. completed arrangements with Fair officials for construction of a boxing plant which will be part museum, party gymnasium and will serve as training quarters for the nation's outstanding fighters. Lenox R. Lohr, director of Fair entertainments, concluded the negotiations with Promoter Jacobs.

According to the plan outlined, an arena accommodating 4,000 will be constructed on a site near the Fair's Administration Building. It will be a convertible affair, providing training accommodations primarily for outdoor purposes, but with indoor equipment to provide against unfavorable weather. Construction on the building will get under way soon. The plant will be available for occupancy in April.

Training Plan Outlined

Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, will be first to use the arena, unless present plans are altered. The titleholder will prepare there for the proposed defense of his title here in June and will be established in living quarters on Long Island which will make the Fair plant easily accessible to him.

A nominal admission fee will be charged for the workouts, the principal idea being to increase the magnetizing power of the extra Fair attractions. If Louis is unavailable as an early attraction, Promoter Jacobs, who is to supervise the boxing attractions, plans to have Max Baer or Lou Nova train there for their proposed May battle.

The museum phase is being worked out by Promoter Jacobs and Nat Fleischer, publisher of The Ring, a boxing magazine, and owner of perhaps the greatest collection of boxing curios in the possession of any individual. The proposal is to provide for an elaborate exhibition of ring relics.

Champion's Visit Canceled

Champion Louis, incidentally, was prevented from coming to this city yesterday as scheduled because of illness, which confined him to a hospital in Detroit. This information was brought here by John Roxborough, one of the champion's managers, who added that force had to be used to keep Louis in the hospital.

"Joe feels he has nothing more than a cold and we had to steal his clothes to keep him in the hospital," said Roxborough, who is here principally to make final preparations on Tuesday for Louis's proposed bout against Jack Roper in Los Angeles on April 24.

Tommy Farr, Great Britain's unrecognized heavyweight champion, left for England yesterday on the Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary to attend to personal business matters, which include a law suit. Tonypandy Tommy was not in a position to state when he would return. But he was emphatic on wanting to come back here and win one fight in America after having suffered five straight setbacks.

Louis to HEAVYWEIGHT BOUT WILL BE HELD HERE

Roxborough, Louis's Manager, Says He Has Agreed to the Contest With Galento

2-27-39

PRINCIPALS IN FLORIDA

Official Announcement of the Title Fight Expected From Mike Jacobs Tomorrow

By The Associated Press.

DETROIT, Feb. 27.—The world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, will defend his title against Tony Galento, the rotund Orange, N. J., contender, in New York the last week in June, John Roxborough, manager of the Negro star, announced tonight.

Confirming advices from Miami Beach, Fla., that the bout awaited only formal announcement from Promoter Mike Jacobs, Roxborough said he had agreed to the match in a telephone conversation with the promoter.

"I told Jacobs," Roxborough said, "that Joe would fight anybody if conditions were right—meaning if conditions were such that the bout would draw." Roxborough added that Jacobs informed him he believed New York would support the fight.

Fight observers generally have been skeptical of Galento's ability to give the champion a real fight, despite the pudgy one's string of knockouts. The opinion of experts has been that Champion Joe would knock out Tony in a hurry.

In view of this Roxborough indicated he had been lukewarm to the match. He expressed the opinion tonight that "New York is the only place that would support it."

Sends Word to Writers

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 27 (AP).—The anticipated heavyweight championship match between Joe Louis and Tony Galento next June awaits only a formal announcement by Promoter Mike Jacobs on Wednesday morning to make it official.

After conferences last night and today, Jacobs sent out word that he would be "at home" to the press at his beach cabaña at 10:30 A. M. Wednesday and expected to have some interesting news.

Engaged in the conferences here are Promoters Jacobs of New York and Herman Taylor of Philadelphia; Joe Jacobs, manager of Galento, and Sol Strauss of New York, who is Mike's personal attorney and a genius at drawing up foolproof boxing contracts. Strauss flew in Sunday night.

Taylor enters the picture because he holds a contract giving him exclusive rights to Galento's services for five years. Joe Jacobs gave it to him last year in an unguarded moment because Taylor had lost a lot of money when Galento had an attack of pneumonia and was unable to go through with a fight in Philadelphia.

That's what has held up the match. Taylor, naturally, wants his cut on the big fight, and he's going to get it. He and Mike Jacobs have battled for five or six hours about how deep a cut it's going to be.

Fighters Are Willing

There's no question about the fighters being ready and willing. Neither Louis nor his managers try to pick their opponents. They fight anybody, and they regard Galento as a particularly soft touch.

While the master minds are working out the details Tony holds constant court and demonstrates to one and all how he will swing his trusty left and win the title. Since his third-round victory over Abe Feldman last Thursday night, Tony, in his own mind, is invincible.

He says he'll really get himself into shape for Louis, knock off maybe fifteen pounds and enter the ring an agile 210-pounder.

LOUIS-GALENTO BOUT SET FOR JUNE; IN N. Y.

DETROIT, March 9—(ANP) — After being built up to the point where it is believed the fight public is interested, Two Ton Tony Galento has been signed to fight Joe Louis for the championship the last week in June, probably in New York, it was announced by John Roxborough.

Roxborough thinks the match should be held in New York, giving as his reason that Gotham is the city that would support it. Fight critics have been exceedingly skeptical about Tony's chances with the Brown Bomber, with the result that the Louis management was skeptical about signing.

From New York it was learned that Promoter Mike Jacobs is "considering" offers from Chicago, Philadelphia and New Jersey, giving as his reason the fact that the World's Fair will be in progress during June and fights seldom draw well in such times. Observers, however, believe this to be part of the regular bal'yhoo to get other cities worked up over having the bout, and a later date announce it for New York.

Despite expert opinion that Galento will not last long against the titleholder, the New Jersey barkeeper has caught the public fancy and a million dollar gate is generally expected, no matter where the bout is held.

Although Tony has in the past lost several fights including a technical kayo due to an eye injury at the hands of Al Gainer, who himself was twice defeated by John Henry Lewis for the light heavyweight title, in recent months the pudgy fighter has compiled an impressive list of wins by knockout. Most of his victims, however, have been third-raters.

Galento's chief assets are tremendous courage, strength, and a punch capable of putting away any fighter if it connects. In addition, he can take hard blows without changing expression.

Louis is considered too smart and fast for the Jersey Italian. He hits terrifically and much more quickly than Tony, who generally swings from way back. Galento is wide open, which should mean that Louis culd punch him all over the ring before Tony winds up.

However, if Galento does connect pefore Joe wears him down there is the possibility that a new champion will emerge from the ring. This long shot chance is what will probably bring a million dollars to Mike Jacobs' coffers.

LLOYD JONES HIGH SCORER

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala, March 9—Lloyd Jones, Chillicothe, Ohio, right forward on the Tuskegee Institute basketball team, in 16 games this season has scored 145 points. Arthur Dickers, Montrose Ark., guard, has a total of 92 points in 16 games.

The Tuskegee Golden Quint has a total of 539 points in 16 Conference games. Opponents have made 528 points.

ARMSTRONG KNOCKS OUT LEW FELDMAN IN ST. LOUIS BOUT

St. Louis, March 23—(ANP)—It took only 2 minutes and 12 seconds of the first round for Henry Armstrong to successfully defend his lightweight and welterweight title for the first time in the city of his birth before 9,816 spectators, who paid $17,318 Thursday night. The victim was Lew Feldman of Brooklyn, white, who lasted nearly five rounds with the champion a year ago.

Homicide Henry sent Feldman to the canvas in less than two minutes for the count of nine. He arose and went down again for the full count. The bout was scheduled for fifteen rounds. Armstrong weighed 134 to 136 for the loser.

In the semi-windup, Archie Moore of this city, middleweight making a bid for title recognition, decisioned Marty Simmons, white, of Saginaw, Mich., in ten rounds. Simmons recently held Dave Clark, who was scheduled to fight John Henry Lewis for the lightheavyweight title, to a draw. Moore weighed 155 to 166 for Simmons.

FOUR NEGROES CROWNED AS GOLDEN GLOVES KINGS IN CHICAGO FISTICUFF TOURNEY

Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Cleveland Place Champions in Nearly Every Division

South Has No Negro Participants

CHICAGO.—(ANP)—For the first time in the 12-year-old history of the Chicago Tribune's annual Golden Gloves tournament, four Negroes have been crowned champions. Survivors of an original starting field of 23,000 boys from the Midwest and South, they won their titles before 22,132 spectators at the Chicago Stadium Friday night.

The victors, who swept everything from lightweight to light-heavyweight in the eight boxing divisions were:

Johnny Pleasant, Savoy A. C., Chicago, lightweight.

Milton Jones, St. Louis, welterweight.

Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, middleweight.

Jimmy Reeves, Cleveland, light heavyweight.

Most colored champions of any previous year were three in 1937 when Al Wardlow, Vernie Patterson and William Joyce emerged victorious. Last year only one came through, Heavyweight Dan Merritt. But in 1939 domination by colored amateurs was so great that only two highly questionable decisions given in favor of their white opponnets against Featherweights Homer Williams of Chicago and William Parson of Danville, Illinois, prevented five of the eight champions from being dusky youths.

Probably the most promising fighter in the tournament was Milton Jones. The St. Louis boy, who is 17 and has been boxing less than a year, is fast, shifty, aggressive, hard to hit, has a fine left jab and a powerful right hand. Tall and still gorwing, he may end up as a heavyweight.

Others who were eliminated in the semi-finals Friday night included Willie Moon, Chicago, flyweight; James Joyce, Gary, Ind., bantamweight; Johnny Pea, Davenport, Ia., and James Bivins, Curtis McDaniels, Chicago, middleweight; Joe Murdock, Detroit, light heavy, and John Washington, Wilberforce football tackle, heavyweight, and Shelton Bell, Wilberforce, light heavy. Most of these boys, however, have been named on the Chicago squad which battles New York's Golden Glove champions at the stadium March 29.

Tourney In Doubt About Louis Fight

NEW YORK,—ANP—If you take Gene Tunneys word for it, the title match between Joe Louis and Two-Ton Tony Galento scheduled for June is not as poor a fight as some ring critics believe.

"Why not?" asked the former champion last week. "I believe Galento is the outstanding challenger for Louis' crown. He can lick everybody else in the division and so he deserves a title fight.

"If he doesn't lick Louis, that won't be too much to hold against Galento. It will be because Louis is a superman. Personally, I think Louis is the hardest hitter, the most destructive fighter that I have ever seen in action. It would take a Corbett or a Fitzsimmons to beat Louis unless, of course, Joe isn't in shape."

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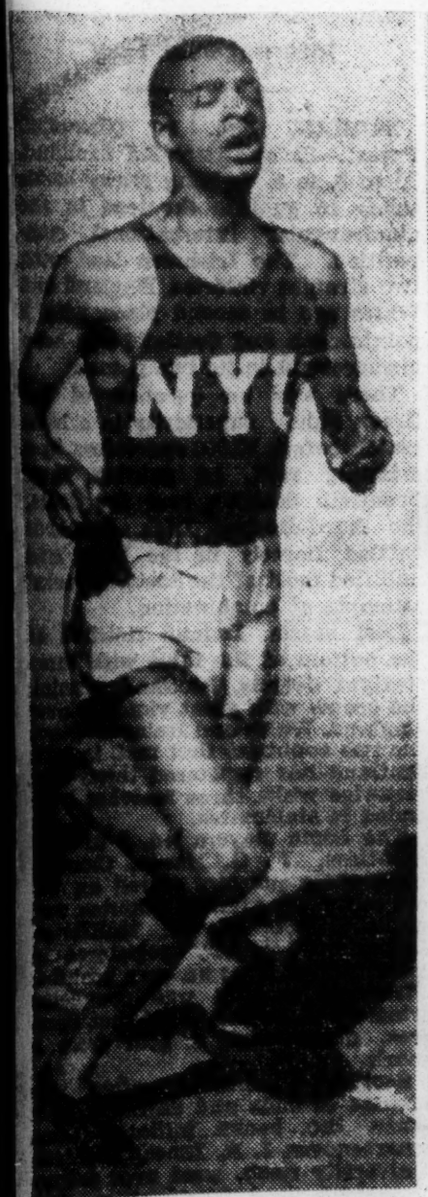

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Jim Herbert, N. Y. U.'s relay and 600-yard star.

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Joe Moclair and Robert Conkling of Manhattan, outdoor and indoor two-mile titleholders, respectively.

BORICAN DEFEATS KANSAN BY 5 YARDS

Withstands Cunningham Spurt and Sets Newark Armory Mark, 2:14.8, for 1,000

DECKARD FIRST IN 2-MILE

Beats Lash 80 Yards in 9:15.2

—Wallace Captures 600—

Thompson Streak Ends

By ARTHUR J. DALEY

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 20.—Glenn Cunningham met his master tonight. The invincible one stepped slightly out of his distance and attempted to check the winning streak of John Borican in the 1,000-yard feature of the annual Seton Hall games before 4,000 howling spectators in the Newark Armory. He failed to do it.

The portrait-painting graduate student at Columbia met a withering Cunningham sprint with a better one of his own and triumphed by the astonishing margin of five yards in the superb time of 2:14.8, a new armory record.

This was a race. Galloping Glenn moved right up to the shoulder of Borican as the gun cracked the signal of the final lap. But he never got further. The two collided slightly around the turn, then on came the Kansas powerhouse down the backstretch. Up to the shoulder of Big John he moved again—and hung there.

Survives First Real Test

The Negro giant let go with all he had to answer that challenge. Never before in seven straight victories under a mile had the Virginia State alumnus been pressed. And now he was being tested. He emerged from his test with colors flying and feet flying even faster. To the amazement of spectators, Borican left Cunningham behind him. Around the final turn they stepped and the gap opened wider and wider. Big John's sprint is deceptive. He left the Kansan well behind, with Gene Venzke another five yards back. Mark down Borican as the next national 1,000-meter champion. He can hardly miss in Saturday's A. A. U. meet.

Frank Brennan of the New York K. of C. was not at hand, but his eyes must have twinkled when he heard the news. Because a Borican-Cunningham return meeting will surely be at the K. of C. games.

Wonders were not to cease with the Cunningham upset. Don Lash was beaten and beaten badly at two miles. Durable Don and Joe McCluskey waged a dog fight for fifteen of the twenty laps, then little Tommy Deckard stepped in to win by the astounding margin of eighty yards in 9:15.2.

The two old rivals, Lash and McCluskey, elbowed each other every time they passed—about twice a lap. One would sprint and the other would fight him back before yielding. It was quite a battle they had, with Deckard staying clear of all disputes until he was ready to make his bid.

Then he darted out front, with the weary McCluskey and Lash lagging. But when Deckard strode across the line in first place Durable Don fired away with an invincible sprint to overhaul Fordham Joe, who saved third place from Forest Efaw of Oklahoma A. and M.

Waldron Trophy Retired

The Waldron 600, once almost the exclusive property of Johnny Gibson of Fordham, stayed in Fordham hands again when Wesley Wallace captured this Jersey classic in 1:12.1, fastest time of the season, and gained permanent possession of the trophy.

The Maroon youngster, whirling into the lead almost at the gun, defeated Charlie Beetham of the Sixty-ninth Regiment A. A. by eight yards, with Jim Herbert of N. Y. U. and Dick Gill of the Boston A. A. following in that order.

Wallace seemed certain of victory all the way. He came out of the scramble for places at the start without a scratch and found himself in third position. In no time at all he was second, back of Herbert, and that, apparently, was right where he wanted to be.

It was a year ago in this same test that the Fordhamite handed the N. Y. U. ace his first setback of the year. But Herbert seems to have lost his zest for specials and he was no match for the Wallace of 1939. When Wes let go, there was no one to match his speed. He fled past Herbert and let the others battle for the other places. Beetham sprinted in the backstretch and overtook Herbert in the final straightaway.

Champion Quartet Upset

Feature of the relay races in this night of upsets was the defeat of Fordham's intercollegiate two-mile champion relay team by N. Y. U. Joe Fay and Walter Cary kept the Rams in the lead for the first two legs, but Wallace, doing only 2:01.5, added on the third leg.

Although Frank Slater regained the advantage from Manhattan, he was caught in the homestretch by Curtis Giddings of N. Y. U. The Violet won in 7:58.8. Also on the New York team were Martin Witte, Dave Urbach and Myron Bresnick. Manhattan was third. Giddings did 1:55.8 and Slater 1:56.4.

Fastest of the one-mile relays was a 3:25.8 performance by the Sixty-ninth Regiment A. A. combination of Dick Squire, Charlie Beetham, Howie Borck and Lou Burns. N. Y. U. had three relay triumphs in all. The varsity rule team of Jim McPoland, Harold Bogrow, George Hagens and Jim Herbert won in 3:26.4, while another combination took a handicap test. Fordham's second team vanquished the Georgetown varsity in 3:27.7.

Herbert Thompson, unbeaten sprinter from Jersey City, met defeat at last in the final of the 60-yard handicap after he had won twenty straight races this season. He was off to a bad start, never swung into stride and finished sixth and last as Ted Janiak of Seton Hall won by 9 yards.

The mile special saw rangy Phil Graves of the New York A. C. the winner in 4:18.8 by 5 yards over a reluctant Johnny Wall of the Olympic Club. Dick Bauer of the Shore A. C. was third.

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TRACK EVENTS

60-METER DASH

Qualifying Heats

(First two in each qualify for semi-finals.)

First Heat—Won by Ben Johnson, Grand Street Boys Association; Thomas McIntyre, New York A. C., second; Dunbar Young, Rhode Island State; Robert Jackson, Princeton, and David Lawyer, N. Y. U., also ran. Time—0:06.7.

Second Heat—Won by Herbert Thompson, unattached, Jersey City; William Wilson, New York A. C., second; Thomas Flagg, Montclair Teachers, and Vincent Sussino, Columbia, also ran. Time—0:06.7.

Third Heat—Won by Mozel Ellerbee, Tuskegee Institute; Robert Rodenkirchen, New York A. C., second; William Strachan, Fordham, and Archie Sherrin, Columbia, also ran. Time—0:06.8.

Fourth Heat—Won by Perrin Walker, Oglethorpe; Eulace Peacock, Shore A. C., second; Albert Glenn, Fordham, and Clark Crane, Southern California A. A., also ran. Time—0:06.8.

Semi-Finals

(First two in each qualify for final.)

First Semi-Final—Won by Thompson- Johnson, second; McIntyre and Wilson also ran. Time—0:06.6. (Equals world record, made by Johnson and Jesse Owens, in 1935, and equaled by Johnson in 1938.)

Second Semi-Final—Won by Walker; Peacock, second; Ellerbee and Rodenkirchen also ran. Time—0:06.7.

Final: Won by Thompson; Johnson, second; Peacock, third; Walker, fourth. Time—0:06.6. (Equals world record.)

FIFTEEN NEGROES FIGHT WAY TO TOP IN GOLDEN GLOVES

Chicago Boys Win in Four Different Classes

Of the 32 amateur boxers who have fought their way to the semi-finals and finals of the Chicago Tribune's 12th annual Golden Gloves tournament, to be held at the Chicago stadium Friday, 15 are Negroes. These are the survivors of over 20,000 starting boxers in 45 communities throughout the Midwest and South.

Those who qualified after fighting at the stadium last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights are Willie Moon, Catholic Youth organization, Chicago, flyweight; James Joyce, Gary, bantamweight; William Parson, Danville, Ill., and Homer Williams, Savoy A. C. Chicago, featherweight; Johnny Pleasant, Savoy A. C., lightweight Jim Bivens, Cleveland; Vernel Williams, Gary; John Pea, Davenport, Ia., and Milton Jones, St Louis, welterweights.

Curtis McDaniels, C. Y. O., Chicago, and Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, middleweights; Joe Murdock Detroit; Jim Reeves, Cleveland and Shelton Bell, Dayton, O., light heavyweights, and John Washington, Dayton, heavyweight.

As is usually the case, colored fighters dominated the tournament There are qualifiers in every weight class, and all of the four surviving 147 pounders are Negroes, thus assuring at least one champion. Others who have caught the crowd's fancy and loom as likely winners are Reeves, Pleasant and Williams.

One of the smoothest lightweights in the tournament, James Edgar of Detroit, seemed headed for the championship until he was disqualified in the quarterfinals Wednesday night. Having his white opponent, Bob Morley of Sioux City, Ia., on the verge of a knockout, Edgar became over anxious and hit on the break. The referee's action in stopping the bout and awarding the decision to the badly beaten opponent was roundly booed, and Detroit representatives indicated they would protest the action. In other instances, boxers had clipped opponents on the break but none had been disqualified.

Outside of Washington, who plays tackle on the Wilberforce football team, there were no impressive heavyweights in this year's tournament. Among the light heavies, Altus Allen of Chicago was touted as the smoothest since the days of Joe Louis, but he was eliminated on a close decision by Ragon Kinney, white, of Fort Smith, Ark.

Sportsmanship in the crowd seemed better this year than previously, with the spectators occasionally booing decisions they thought should have gone to colored boxers.

Jonn Woodruff Wins '880' At Notre Dame

Daily Record

NOTRE DAME, Ind.— (ANP)— After only one appearance since last spring, Long John Woodruff returned to track competition at the Central Collegiate Conference indoor meet at Notre Dame Saturday night by winning the half mile run in 1:56.6. He lost, however, in the 440 to his white teammate from Pitt, Frank Ohl.

Still unable to show the form that enabled him to establish a world record in the high jump, Ed Burke of Marquette had to be content to clear 6 feet and get a tie for fifth place.

Phillips Gets $1,175 For Athletic Program

On Friday morning in inspiring presentation ceremonies at Wendell Phillips high school, a check for $1,175, net amount raised during a campaign launched and headed by Representative Charles J. Jenkins, veteran member of the state legislature, and the school's Parent-Teacher asociation, was turned over to Mrs. Charles Wrenn, president of the organization by Clifford J. Campbell, in charge of student activities at the school.

The money, raised at a benefit dance given recently at Savoy Ballroom by the P. T. A., and through contributions from civic minded groups and individuals, will be used to purchase football and basketball uniforms and equipment, Representatives Jenkins announced this week. The school's football team will be coached by Bernard Jefferson, former star at Northwestern University. Total proceeds from the dance given at the Savoy, together with individual contributions were $1,44. 74; expenditures totaled $299.24.

Atlanta Daily Journal
March 10, 1939

16 SCHOOLS ENTER NEGRO COURT MEET

THUNDERBOLT, Ga., March 10.—(AP)—More than sixteen schools were ready Friday for the two-day third annual negro high school basketball tournament sponsored by the Georgia State College for Negroes. Finals will be played Saturday.

Entries include teams from Atlanta, Columbus, Macon, Hartwell, Athens and Valdosta.

TUSKEGEE GIRLS, BOYS TEAM WIN CHAMPIONSHIPS

SNOW HILL, Ala., Mar. 23— In the annual district basketball tournament held here this week, the Tuskegee high school boys' team and the Tuskegee high school girls' team won championships in their respective divisions. The Tuskegee boys' team played brilliantly throughout the tournament. To reach the final round, they defeated Clark high school of Selma and the Booker Washington high school of Montgomery. In the championship round they defeated Sardis high school, 22-20. This was one of the most exciting games throughout the tournament.

The Tuskegee girls, in the first round, defeated Camden high school, 26-7. In the semi-final round they turned back Clark high school, of Selma, 14-11, in a brilliantly played and exciting game.

LOUIS BEST OF ALL TIME

Present Champion Rated Supreme by Veteran Fight Follower

To Sports Editor of The New York Times:

One of the contributors to your column last week wasn't sure that Joe Louis is or isn't the greatest heavyweight of all time. The correspondent was unimpressed by Joe's victory over John Henry Lewis.

I wonder what he thought Louis should have done that night. After all, Joe knocked John Henry out in a couple of minutes, something which no one else had been able to do before.

I have seen all the heavyweight champions from Corbett to Louis in the ring and I saw the great John L. Sullivan in an exhibition. In my opinion, Joe Louis could have beaten any of them. The only one who would have given him trouble was the Dempsey who fought Willard in Toledo.

Show me any of the past champions with a record equal to Joe's. Louis not only beat five former champions but knocked them out as well. As far as what happened to him in June, 1936, he certainly redeemed himself later.

I don't blame the sports writers for stringing along with Louis. He is a credit to the game and, as for the suckers, they like to see him fight.

MARK NELSON.

New York, Feb. 5, 1939.

A Proposal for Schmeling

To Sports Editor of The New York Times:

Max Schmeling's statement before sailing for America expressed a laudable ambition to recover the laurels he lost in his last contest here. With this statement he coupled the announcement that he is not moved by the financial reward that would naturally follow another engagement with Joe Louis but desires most to remove the stain on his record.

There is a way he can be given an opportunity to prove to the world his sportsmanship and the honesty of his proposition. A third and decisive match between Schmeling and Louis could be arranged on the following terms: each party to accept—win, lose or draw—2½ per cent of the gross receipts, the balance to be divided equally among worthy Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and Negro charities.

A. D. PHILLIPS.

Mount Vernon, N. Y., Feb. 7, 1939.

Editorial Note: There still is some doubt as to Schmeling's pugilistic plans and, furthermore, the proposal made in this letter probably will meet with something less than the enthusiastic approval of the proposed parties of the principal parts.

NEGRO BOXERS OPEN TOURNEY TONIGHT, 7 P.M.

Event At Smithfield For Amateurs Draws Huge Field For Bouts

With entries being turned down by the tournament committee, a capacity field being enrolled a week ago, the first annual Negro amateur boxing tournament, sponsored by The News-Age-Herald in conjunction with Negro Boys Club, will get under way tonight at Smithfield Auditorium at 7 o'clock.

The big entry of contestants was scheduled to have physical examinations and be weighed in this afternoon at Smithfield and the brackets will be drawn up for the milling.

The committee in charge of the tournament, headed by L. S. Gaillard, president of Negro Boys Club, may decide to extend the meet over into a fourth night. As it sets now, preliminary matches are billed for tonight and tomorrow night with finals on Friday night. However, the program may be so full that Saturday night may be used for the finals.

Probably 35 matches will be on the program tonight. More than 200 entries have been declined during this week but the field may be allowed to go up a bit if the additional night is added. More than 160 had listed their names for competition last week.

The proceeds from the tournament will be used to carry on the recreational program for Negro Boys Club. Seating capacity of the auditorium, with the ring up, will be around 1,000 and it appears that seats will be at a premium. A special section will be reserved for white people.

Teams are entered from all sections of the district and boxers from other cities over the state.

Cunningham Will Face Negro Racer For Mile Honors

BOSTON—(AP)—Having convinced an amazed track public that Glenn Cunningham is vincible in the "1.000," John Borican, powerful New Jersey Negro star, will attempt to prove tonight the mighty Kansan is equally so in the mile in the Veterans of Foreign Wars meet.

Borican's assignment, however, seems much more difficult than the one he carried out successfully in a flat track at Newark Monday. Cunningham is expected to be much more at home in the longer race which will be run on a 12-lap track with raised turns.

In addition, Borican will be forced to devote almost as much attention to the other star entries, Archie San Romani, Gene Venzke and Chuck Fenske, as he did to the peerless one, who never has been beaten in Boston.

Don Lash and Tommy Deckard are rematched in the two-mile affair. Deckard won by 200 yards Monday.

DARTMOUTH MEN PICKED

Coach Hillman Names Runners to Oppose Borican and Lash

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

HANOVER, N. H., March 11.—Coach Harry Hillman of the Dartmouth track team announced today the names of the Green runners who will receive handicaps from John Borican in the half-mile and Don Lash in the two-mile run when the visiting pair will attempt to set new indoors records at the invitation meet next Wednesday.

Running against Borican will be Harold Wonson, Robert E. Williams Jr., Richard P. Howard and Robert Unangst. Wonson and Unangst both raced against Glenn Cunningham last year when the Kansan posted his phenomenal 4:04.4 for the mile.

In the two-mile test with Lash will be Bart MacMannis, Clifford J. Holmes, Joseph W. Taylor and Fred K. Upton. All are prominent members of the Dartmouth cross-country team and also run the two-mile event on the track team. The handicaps have not as yet been announced.

John Borican

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John Borican Smashes Two World Records

Fordham Relay Team Also Sets New Record

By BILL KING

HANOVER, N. H., March 15.—(AP)—John Borican, negro sensation of the current indoor track season, turned in his third and fourth record-smashing performances and the Fordham mile relay team wiped out a six-year-old mark in that event in tonight's battle against time on Dartmouth's lightning fast 6 2-3 laps board track.

Borican, whose most recent record-breaking fear appears to have been futile because he was charged with beating the gun, wiped out the indoor half-mile's 11-years-old mark when he burst the tape in 1:49.8 while leading the closest of the four Dartmouth rivals, Bob Unangst, who had a 95-yards handicap, by 10 yards.

While so doing, Borican automatically became the owner of the 800-meters indoor record also set by Lloyd Hahn, whose time for that and the half-mile distance was recorded as 1:51.4 back in 1928.

The fleet Elberon, N. J., negro, regarded by many experts as the "perfect" runner, already has set a new indoor mark of 2.39-flat for the two-thirds mile distance. Last Saturday night in New York, while overcoming three mighty challenges by Glenn Cunningham, who raced his amazing 4:04.4 mile here last year, Borican was timed in 2:08.8 for the "1000." That recording was 1.3 seconds under the mighty Kansan's indoor mark for that event but oficials have refused to sanction it.

Two other Dartmouth rivals trailed Borican and Unangst—Bob Williams, who had a 30-yards start on the negro flyer, and Hal Wonson, sent away 10 yards in front of him.

ARMSTRONG TO DEFEND ONE OF WORLD TITLES

Double Champion To Box Lew Feldman In St. Louis Arena

NEW YORK, March 12—(AP)—Henry Armstrong, welter and lightweight champions, puts the heavier of his two crowns on the line this week when he meets Lew Feldman, New York contender, in a 15-round bout at St. Louis Thursday night.

In the only other interesting bout on the national boxing program this week will be the one between Al Davis and Mickey Farber, New York neighborhood rivals who fought a few weeks ago with Davis copping a decision. These boys drew so much attention in the last fight that the promoters wasted little time in pairing the two again in the main bout at the Madison Square Garden Friday night. It was such an interesting affair that it reminded the experts of the Sid Terris-Ruby Goldstein era. The fight is scheduled to go 10 rounds.

SPORTS

By Al "Cannonball" Baker

The program:

Monday—At New York, Paul de Bello, New York, vs. Carl Red Guggino, Hartford, lightweights (8). At Chicago, Marv Simmons, Saginaw, vs. Nate Bolden, Chicago, middleweights (10). At Newark, Maxie Fisher, Newark, vs. Young Chappie, Albany, lightweights (8); Ray Miller, Newark, vs. Nick Young, Philadelphia, lightheavies (8); Matt Perfetti, Amsterdam, N. Y., vs. Tony Novello, Englewood, N. J., featherweights (8); Buddy Ryan, Roselle Park, N. J., vs. Tiger Smith, Passaic, N. J., lightheavies (8). At Pittsburgh, Tommy Cross, Philadelphia, vs. Joey Ferrando, Ashtabula, Ohio, lightweights (10); Al Quaill, Pittsburgh, vs. Honeyboy Jones, Pittsburgh, middleweights (10). At Miami Beach, Paulie Griffiths, Scranton, vs. Jack Larrimore, Miami Beach, welterweights (10).

Tuesday—At Brooklyn, Johnny Rohrig, Clifton, N. J., vs. Maurice Arnault, France, lightweights (8). At New York, Maxie Berger, Montreal, vs. Frankie Wallace, Cleveland, lightweights (8). At White Plains, N. Y., Julie Kogan, New Haven, vs. Victor Troisi, New York, lightweights (8). At Los Angeles, Shorty Hogue, Los Angeles, vs. Ray Vargas, Los Angeles, middleweights (6). Big Boy Hogue, Los Angeles, vs. Dave Chacone, Los Angeles, middleweights (6). At Rochester, Patsy Perroni, Cleveland, vs. Sandy McDonald, Dallas, heavyweights (10). Steve Halaiko, Auburn, N. Y., vs. Francesco Montanari, Italy, welterweights (8). At Houston, Al Bernard, New York, vs. Paul Cortlyn, Newark, middleweights (10).

Wednesday—At Birmingham, Jimmy Perrin, New Orleans, vs. Lloyd Pine, Akron, featherweights (10).

Thursday—At Miami, Leroy Haynes, Philadelphia, vs. Obie Walker, Atlanta, heavyweights (15). At Philadelphia, Wally Sears, Minersville, Pa., vs. Italo Colonello, Italy, heavyweights (10). At St. Louis, Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles, vs. Lew Feldman, New York, welterweight title (15).

Friday—At New York, Mickey Farber, New York, vs. Al Davis, New York, lightweights (10); Petey Scalzo, New York, vs. Baby Louis, Havana, Cuba, featherweights (8); Nick Camarata, New Orleans, vs. Tony Marteliano, New York, lightweights (8); Allie Stolz, Newark, vs. Joey Fontana, New York, featherweights (8). At Hollywood, Glen Lee, Edson, Neb., vs. Dick Foster, San Francisco, middleweights (10). At San Francisco, Ceferino Garcia, Philippines, vs. Lloyd Marshall, Sacramento, middleweights (10). At Chicago, Eddie Dempsey, Moline, Ill., vs. Johnny Brown, Chicago, lightweights (8). At Philadelphia, Billy Passon, Philadelphia, vs. Katzumi Marioka, Toronto, bantamweights (10).

Borican Bests Glenn in the 1000 yd. Event

John Borican, sensational national 1000-yard champion, gave the Gotham track fans a delightful treat last Saturday night in the annual K. of C. games at Madison Square Garden, when he hung-up his second track victory of the season over the invincible Glenn Cunningham, Kansas flyer, in the 1000-yard distance. Cunningham who had met but one defeat in eleven previous races this season, was not only beaten by lanky John Borican, but, with his agitating speed, caused John to the fastest 1000 on record—2:08.8. Borican won by a margin of two yards.

Did Borican Beat Gun?

This race, which was from the outset harnessed with high anticipations, was a thriller the entire distance. Borican jumped ahead at the gun. At a matter of fact, he was away with such a rocket-leap, that the veteran starter, Johnnie McHugh said Borican's record would not be accepted, because he claimed Borican jumped the gun. Such a tardy claim occurred to many as being out of order. Inasmuch as McHugh was the starter, it was his privilege and duty to call the runners back, right then and there, as is the usual custom. McHugh's outragious claim, and not a case of inertness, smells of prejudice.

BORICAN SECOND IN 00-METERS RACE

Borican made a staunch and adamant fight over the boards in the second half of his attempted double, finishing strong to take second place behind National 600-meter champion Charley Beetham of the 69th Regiment A.A., in the running of the classic Casey 600. Beetham strode to the tape in 1:11.3 seconds.

COLORED SPEED-KINGS BEATEN IN 60-YD. DASH

It was indeed an off night for the three Colored sprint aces, Herbert Thompson, Eulace Peacock, and Ben Johnson, who have more or less dominated the realm of velocity over the boards, of recent dates.

Perrin Walker, white, lanky Oglethorpe University graduate student, dashed down the 60-yard lane ahead of the three Colored speed artists, in exactly 6.2. seconds, equaling the meet record. Eulace Peacock, of the Shore A.C., was second, with Herbert Thompson, the national champion who had won 28 out of 29 dash meets, third, and Ben Johnson last.

UNITED STATES AND ENGLAND IN TRACK TILT

Colored track blazers, who have enjoyed meteoric careers on the boards and cinder-paths the last year, will very likely be afforded an opportunity to repeat their sterling feats when a huge track meet will be held between Great Britain and the United States in July, the Amateur Athletic Union announced last Saturday. The British will send over a ten-man team, including such stars as Sydney Wooderson, holder of the half-mile and mile world records; Godfrey Brown, runner-up for the Olympic 400-meter title, and Don Finlay, an Olympic medalist in the high hurdles. American track stars who have been raising plenty of dust, running in their back-yard, will face stiff opposition when confronting John Bull's steppers. If the American athletes are really to be chosen on the basis of their performances, as has been intimated, in the big National A.A.U. championships at Lincoln, July 3rd and 4th, as has been decided by the A.A.A. officials, the sepia track participants are expected to romp forth in a grand and glorious fashion.

SMITH SCORES AGAIN

Ed (Smitty) Smith, the Colored hurdle sensation, and former Englewood track-star in Chicago, has been running wild over the barriers in track meets held in the Middle-West this season. His recent accomplishment occurred in a meet in Madison, Wis., when he leaped over the 60-yard high hurdles in 7.5 seconds last Saturday night in a dual meet with Minnesota to aid Wisconsin to move ahead 63 to 23. Smith tied the fieldhouse record, set in 1921, by Lee Sentman, white, University of illinois hurdler. The Wisconsin squad boasts of Smith's feats on the boards and looks upon him as being a reliable barrier artist. In the trials, Smith bounced over the barriers in 7.6 to break a seven-year old mark made by Hanson of the University of Minnesota.

day night, The Malden City Club, white, eased out a point ahead of the New York Colored Yankees to register a score of 41 to 40.

This game was unquestionably the zenith of basketball skirmishes, in zest and keenness witnessed in this vicinity this season. The game was a closely fought one all the way. Although losing by virtue of a fluke in the last 40 minutes of play, the Colored players from the Metropolitan area gave a yelling, excited and enthusiastic throng an unprecedented basket of thrills. This skilful aggregation of six-footers passed and tossed the ball with perfect precision; they put on a "passing" exhibition. The opposing team was in a true sense an all-star team; comprising some of the leading football stars from various colleges and universities. Solly Nechtem, Boston University ace, and "Red" Kopecky of B. U., were the leading stars in the City Club line-up.

The first period was exciting and lit up with brilliancy in passing and defensive plays executed by the Yankees. The City Club team made a furious lunge to out-score the Yankees in this chapter, but were checked by the Yankees' defensive maneuvers. "Bricktops" Wright, Yankees forward, is a veteran of the court, and he exhibited some swift and smooth plays to the delight of the throng. Charlie Isles' long-range tossing was a real threat to the opposing team. Isles was the highest scorer for the Yankees with 16 points, "Bricktops" Wright, 14, Jimmie Sherrer, 6, and Lou Badger, 5 points. The Yankees were applauded when hey left the court.

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BOXING AS A PROFESSION

THE CHAMPIONSHIP BOUT between Joe Louis and Tony Galento makes boxing a principal subject of discussion this week The purse from this bout makes the Brown Bomber's gross earnings since he turned professional in 1934 close to the $2,000,000 mark. Actually, Joe has gotten only about a fourth of this amount for his managers, seconds and other interested parties get a large share of his ring earnings. And yet half a million dollars is a veritable fortune to anyone these days be he Negro or white.

The success that Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong have had in recent years has been due in part to the change of control of this sport from the Irish and native American stock to the Jews like Mike Jacobs, who do not draw the color line when a Negro can earn money for them. This attitude has revived interest in a sport which the Negroes now dominate but which is also one of the most hazardous. For every fighter who is able to get in the big money brackets, at least a hundred are broken and prematurely aged by the severe competition with which they must contend.

John Henry Lewis, the late Tiger Flowers, Kid Norfolk, Sam Langford and Kid Chocolate are but a few of the names that come to mind of fighters who have become casualties to their profession. They all won glory and honor for themselves and the race while active but were maimed in some way while in action. This is not true alone of the Negro boxers but to those of other races as well So that a youngster considering boxing as a career should take careful stock of his physical qualifications, for unless he is an exceptional physical speciman he will find that his road to fame and fortune in the boxing world will be a long and hard one.

Boxing adds glamor to life but it is not always glamorous for the fighters.

Armstrong Show Flops But Henry Gets Plenty Bids

The Henry Armstrong fight, with Ernie Roderick, in London was one of the biggest flops in British promotional history—but they want him back.

Not only is he in great demand in London but throughout Europe the promoters are beseeching him to return and fight a local boy.

Jeff Dickson, an American who settled down in Paris, is one of the most persistent bidders. Sidney Hulls, of London, wants Henry to return and fight Eric Boon.

It probably wasn't Henry, or the great publicity he got, that kept the customers away. It was the price of admission—and this ran from $10.50 to $51.25. There was just about half enough money at the gate to pay Henry the $47,000 he was guaranteed.

Henry is a great hero in London, despite the fact that several weeks have passed since he outfought Roderick.

Learned medical men have discussed him [illegible] papers have been full [illegible]

The champion is described as a freak, a perfect human dynamo who has an over-sized heart and low pulse beat, such as enabled Paavo Nurmi to become an international champion on the cinder track.

His pulse-beat is 59 compared to the normal of 72, point out the experts who label him a greak. This gives him astonishing endurance.

They conclude with the statement that he is hardly a fair opponent for a man of equal poundage.

The leading English experts who predicted Henry's defeat haven't attempted to explain it, or alibi themselves. They're definitely on Henry's bandwagon now.

Atlantans Do Well In Tuskegee Meet

By JEROME HERMAN

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Alfred (Tup) Holmes, twice winner of the southern amateur and SIAC championships, continued his brilliant pace here yesterday when he uncorked a colorful 74, only four strokes over par to take the low medalist honors in the qualifying round of the First Annual Tuskegee Invitational Golf Tournament.

On the first nine holes, "Tup" took a 38, to trail Clarence Chandler two strokes, but on the back side came back with a one-over par 36, while Chandler had tough luck and carded a 42.

Two strokes behind Holmes in the qualifying round stands William Mitchell, an exceptionally good young amateur from Montgomery, Ala. Playing the course for the first time, Mitchell carded 38-38- 76, and "believe it or not" his card included four six's.

CHANDLER THIRD TIED WITH DR. BROWN

Clarence Chandler, the club champion of the New Lincoln Golf and Country Club, tied for third place with Dr. Russell Brown, of Tuskegee. Chandler was only one over par on the first side, shooting a 36, while and the best he could do on the back side was a 42. Dr. Brown reversed these scores, and both took 78's.

WHEELER SHOOTS SUB-PAR GOLF DURING PRACTICE

Playing a practice round over the long Tuskegee lay-out Howard Wheeler, national open golf champion blasted out a brilliant 66, exactly four strokes under par. Wheeler set a new course record on the first nine, carding a sensational 31. He came back with a par 35.

Hartsfield, the new Southern Open champion, was two over with a 72, while Eddie Roby took a 73. A. D. V. Crosby played a great game, but did not keep his score.

Mrs. Theresa Howell of Atlanta was paired without having to qualify and will play Miss Thelma Beasley of Tuskegee during the first round of play. Miss Franklin and Mrs. Peters of Tuskegee tied for low medal honors among the ladies.

SUMMARY: Alfred Holmes, Atlanta, 74; William Mitchell, Montgomery, 76; Dr. Russell Brown, Tuskegee, 78; Clarence Chandler, Atlanta, 78; Clarence Blair, Montgomery, 81; Louis Rabb, Tuskegee, 81; William Curtis, Tuskegee 86; Turner Jordan, Montgomery 87; A. L. Miller, Atlanta, 89; S. H. Archer, Jr. 91; Ernest McCampbell, Tuskegee 96; Clifford Johnson, Montgomery 99; Charles Smith, Miami, Fla. 100; Dr. J. J. Peters, Tuskegee, 102; I Guzman, Tuskegee, 104; A. F. Bradley, Tuskegee 106; William Washington, Tuskegee 107. All qualifying scores were not in.

FIRST-ROUND MATCHES OF ATLANTA GOLFERS

Championship Flight

Alfred Holmes vs. Louis Rabb.

Clarence Chandler vs. Clarence Blair.

First Flight

S. H. Archer, Jr., vs. Dr. J. J. Peters.

Al L. Miller vs. Ernest McCampbell.

Ladies Amateur

Mrs. Theresa Howell vs. Miss Thelma Beasley.

Times Wide World

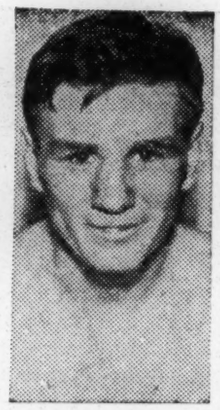
OVER THE HIGH HURDLES IN JUNIOR 110-METER EVENT AT NATIONAL MEET

Marsh Farmer of Texas Tech (extreme right) was the winner in record time in Monday's competition at Lincoln, Neb., his 0:14.2 being the outstanding performance of the day. Joe Batiste previously had done 0:14.4 in his heat and placed second in the final.

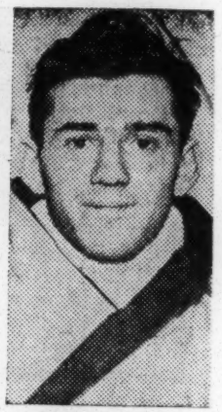
The Quincy Herald-Whig's champions, left to right: Alfred Cooper, heavyweight; Raymond Kroeger, 175 pounds; Le Roy Kroeger, 160; Leslie Clark, 147; Callie Robinson, 135; Larry Vahlkamp, 126; Don Oenning, 118; Lloyd Woodson, 112.

Freddie Pope, 124th F. A. [112 pounds.]

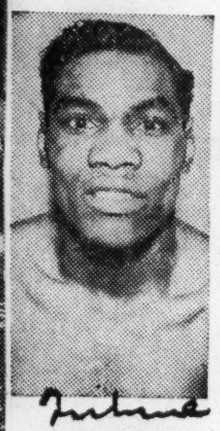
Arthur P. Altizer, 124th F. A. [118 pounds.]



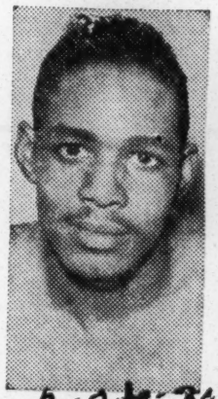
Edward O'Connell, C. Y. O. [126 pounds.]



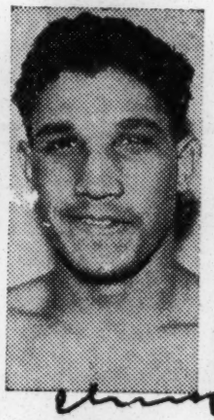
Harry Sparrow, C. Y. O. [125 pounds.]



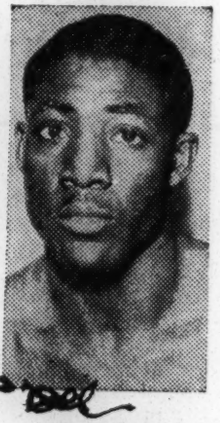
Jack Carter, Savoy A. C. [147 pounds.]



Eddie Gerrard, Savoy A. C. [160 pounds.]



Altus Allen, Savoy A. C. [175 pounds.]



Luke Saylark, Savoy A. C. [Heavyweight.]

These fighters advanced to the Tournament of Champions in Chicago's north side open class finals in Loyola gymnasium.

Birmingham, Ala. Post
February 27, 1939

Lockhart Kayoes Foe In Negro Meet

Scoring the night's only knockout Lucius Lockhart took the 147-pound title Friday night in the finals of the first annual Alabama Negro amateur boxing tournament by beating James Jackson. Turner James decisioned Herbert Caldwell for the 175-pound crown.

Other results follow:

147-Pound Semi-Final

Lucius Lockhart won over Bernard Taylor on decision.

James A. Jackson won over James Jackson on decision.

118-Pound Semi-Final

Robert Watkins won over Meredith Pippins on decision.

Charles Smith won over Huey Fleming on decision.

118-Pound Final

Robert Watkins won over Charles Smith on decision

112-Pound Final

Eason Steele won over Sam Gaston on decision.

126-Pound Final

Timothy Burkett won over Richard Foster on decision.

135-Pound Final

Monroe Johnson won over Henderson Howard on decision.

160-Pound Final

Claude Smith won over Robert John Palmer on decision.

Heavyweight Final

George Foster won over Edward Palmer on decision.

Montgomery Ala. Advertiser
February 22, 1939

Tuskegee Track Ace Departs For New York

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Feb. 21—Mozell Ellerbe left the Institute this morning for New York City, to participate in the senior indoor A. A. U., championships of America, which will be held at Madison Square Garden Saturday evening.

GALENTO STILL RATED NEXT TO CHAMPION LOUIS

Choice Reflects No Glory On Beer-Drinking Tony, N. B. A. Explains

Jersey Heavyweight Is Just Best Of Weak Challengers

WASHINGTON, March 19—(AP)—Tony Galento retained his National Boxing Association ranking as the No. 1 heavyweight title challenger Sunday, but by a split decision.

The quarterly selections of the rating committee revealed that Committeemen Joe Triner of Illinois, voted to leave vacant the No. 1 position which the N. B. A. first awarded to the Jersey heavyweight a year ago.

The committee also made it clear that it did not regard Galento as a very serious threat to Champion Joe Louis, but only as the top man of an unimpressive group of challengers.

To its heavyweight rankings it appended this comment:

"The N. B. A. neither sponsors Galento nor contends that he can defeat Louis. Galento was rated No. 1 a year ago. Galento has not lost since and N. B. A. rates him as the best, on his record, of the current heavyweight challengers."

Bob Pastor, whose suspension has been lifted since the last previous ranking, was awarded the No. 2 spot. Others in the first ten in the order of their ranking were Lou Nova, Max Baer, Red Burman, Maurice Strickland, Nathan Mann, Roscoe Toles, Johny Paycheck and Tony Musto.

The committee recommended that the winner of a 15-round bout between Little Dado and Peter Kane, or Jackie Jurich and Peter Kane, be declared world's flyweight champion. Trainer voted to recognize Kane as champion.

The committee also recommended that the winner of the featherweight championship bout between Leo Rodak and Joey Archibald agree within 30 days to meet Petey Scalzo in a title match.

The rankings of classes other than heavyweights were:

Light Heavyweights—John Henry Lewis, champion; Melio Bettina, Dave Clark, Billy Conn, Ron Richards, Gus Lesnevich, Len Harvey, Jock McAvoy, Tiger Terry Warrington, Eddie Wenstob, Joe Wagner.

Middleweights—Solly Krieger, champion; Freddie Apostoli, Al Hostak, Walter Woods, Ceferino Garcia, Teddy Yarocz, Fred Henneberry, Eric Seelig, Attilio Sabatino, Tony Zale, Gene Buffalo.

Welterweights—Henry Armstrong, champion; Charley Burley, Fritzie Zivic, Sammy Luftstring, Milt Aron, Holman Williams, Steve Mamakos, Saverio Turiello, Kid Azteca, Eddie Dolan, Soony Jones.

Lightweights—Henry Armstrong, champion: Lew Ambers, Davey Day, Sammy Angott, Pedro Montanez, Tippy Larkin, Al Nettlow, Eric Boon, Aldo Spoldi, Joey Ferando, Tony Canzoneri.

Featherweights—(Championship vacant), Leo Rodak, Petey Scalzo, Joey Archibald, Freddie Miller, Dave Castilloux, Chalky Wright, Mike Belloise, Everett Rightmire, Al Reid, Leone Efrati.

Bantamweights—Sixto Escobar, champion; Johnny Morgan, Georgia Pace, Henry Hook, Lou Salica, Kid Tanner, Little Pancho, Aurel Toma, Lefty Gwynne, Pancho Villa, Johnny Gaudes.

Flyweights—(Championship vacant), Peter Kane, Little Dado, Jackie Jurich, Small Montana, Raoul Degryse, Freddie Tennant, Billy Tansey, Enrico Urbinati, Tommy Stewart, Tommy Farricker.

ARMSTRONG FACES TITLE TEST FRIDAY

Champion Will Encounter Day, Chicago Welterweight, in 15-Round Garden Bout

RIVAL A STRONG PUNCHER

Challenger Has Won 15 in Row Since Losing Close Verdict to Ambers in 1937

Davey Day, hard-hitting Chicagoan, will attempt to lift the world welterweight boxing crown from the brow of Henry Armstrong on Friday night when they meet in the fifteen-round feature in Madison Square Garden.

Rated a great puncher by his former stablemate, Barney Ross, from whom Armstrong wrested the welterweight laurels last May, Day is considered a more formidable foe than the five rivals Armstrong has encountered since dethroning Ross. He is young, strong and seasoned and has compiled an impressive record.

In seeking to return the title to the Sam Pian-Art Winch stable, the Chicagoan will enter the ring in excellent condition. He has had a month's preliminary work at Hot Springs, Ark., two weeks of hard training in Chicago and ten additional days of drilling here at Stillman's gymnasium.

Stopped Pacho and Feldman

Armstrong, too, is in tip-top form. He has been keeping in shape at Grupp's gym following his knockout victories over Bobby Pacho and Lew Feldman earlier this month. Homicide Henry stopped Pacho in the fourth round on March 4 at Havana and halted Feldman in the first at St. Louis on March 16.

Armstrong has beaten many of ringdom's leading featherweights, lightweights and welterweights. He won the world championships in those three divisions within a period of ten months, but voluntarily relinquished the feather crown last September. At present he holds the light and welter honors, but he has not defended the former since outpointing Lou Ambers last August.

Aggressive and a powerful puncher, Armstrong is one of the best drawing cards among the lighter men in the boxing game today. He had won his last forty-four fights and registered knockouts in thirty-eight of them. His last set-back was received late in 1936 when he lost on a foul to Tony Chavez in St. Louis.

Three Challengers Beaten

In addition to Pacho and Feldman, the champion has successfully defended the welter crown against Cerefino Garcia, Al Manfredo and Baby Arizmendi. Armstrong defeated Garcia in fifteen rounds last November, knocked out Manfredo in three in December and gained a ten-round verdict over Arizmendi in January.

Although not as active a campaigner as Armstrong, Day also has been faring well during the past couple of years. Since losing a close ten-round verdict to Ambers in an over-the-weight bout in 1937, Day has won fifteen straight. The Chicagoan's all-time professional record shows he has triumphed in fifty-five of sixty-four bouts, scoring knockouts in twenty-seven and gaining decisions in twenty-eight. He has participated in four draws and has dropped five decisions.

The supporting card consists of two eight-round bouts, one six-rounder and one four-rounder. The semi-final will pit Johnny Bellus, New Haven lightweight, against Yucatan Kid of Miami. The latter will be making his debut here.

In the other slated eight-rounder Baby Breese, who recently scored over Jackie Kid Berg, will face Milo Theodorescu, Rumanian welterweight. Ernie Vigh, Newburgh middleweight, and Larry Kellum of Oneonta are to meet in the six. The four-rounder will bring together Joe Ionnotti and Tommy St. Angelo, Bronx feathers.

The prices range from $1 for general admission to a top of $7 for ringside and box seats.

Willard Sees No "White Hope" To Beat Joe Louis

BY DREW MIDDLETON

NEW YORK, March 26—(AP)—Jess Willard, a mountain of man whose face is scarred with trademarks of his old profession, sat on his bed in a third-rate hotel and wheezed about the good old days when he was heavyweight champion of the world, the man who beat Jack Johnson.

Willard, the one white hope to make the grade, hasn't the foggiest notion of who or what will beat Joe Louis. His guess is that none of the current contenders has much of a chance, although he rather favors Bould Antonio Galento, and that Louis' eventual conqueror is running a truck or manicuring a corn patch at present.

This latter prediction probably is prompted by memories of his own strange career. He was a farmer-rancher out in Kansas and Oklahoma, a big, strong fellow with a reputation as a back room brawler, when Johnson, the first Negro to hold the title, smashed Tommy Burns for the crown and then whipped Jim Jeffries, his only real threat.

This started a bush-beat of evangeltistic fervor. Somehow they dug Willard up. He was 28 when he started to fight in 1911.

"Yup, I was older than most, but it helped," said Jess. "I fought my way through to a title fight with Johnson. I beat him fair and square.

"All this talk about Johnson taking a dive and shielding his eyes from the sun while he was being counted out is crazy. I hit him with a punch that would have killed an ox."

"Watch Galento!"

Like all former fighters he feels he is a blown-in-the-bottle sage. "You watch this Galento," he counciled. "He is pretty strong and he will take all that Louis hands out. If he hits Louis, Louis will go down." Jess admitted he had seen Louis only once, two years ago against Braddock.

Perhaps he is a little jealous. No one got excited about his prowess when he was champion. He was fat, over-confident and pitifully rusty when he was cut down by Dempsey at Toledo in one of the most brutal fights of the championship's history.

"Dempsey could hit," said Jess, caressing the roll of fat under his jaw. "But I whacked him a couple of good ones, too. Say, I could fight all right. The way some fellers talk I was just '35-up. But I beat Carl Morris and Luther McCarthy. Against Dempsey I was in bad shape."

As he sat and talked about the money he made and lost and about Luis Angel Firpo, who stopped his comeback, and who he calls a harder hitter than Dempsey, he seemed worried. Every so often he would murmur, "I could fight all right."

Willard has no great plans for the future. At present he goes around lending whatever distinction his name still holds to boxing and wrestling shows. In the latter he sometimes knocks out one of the principals. An old and silly business that always brings a snicker from the customers.

Lula Hymes, Mable Smith Will Seek New Track Marks Friday

Mozelle Ellerbe Groomed for Meet After Comeback Try

Long Rest; Tuskegee Women's Teams Big Favorite to Dominate All Events

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The National A. A. U. Women's Track and Field Team for 1937 and 1938 from Tuskegee Institute, will show Texas the finest array of women's track and field talent in a long time when they take part in the Annual Track and Field Meet for Women, sponsored by Prairie View College, Prairie View, Texas, April 7.

Lula Hymes, captain of the Tuskegee team, National AAU champion in the 100 meters, National AAU champion in the broad jump, and anchor on the National AAU champion 400 meter relay team, will head the Tuskegee girls. She was voted America's outstanding girl athlete for 1938. Other members of the team are Mable Smith, who holds the American record in the running broad jump of 18 feet, and who has high jumped over 5 feet, two inches, will be counted on for points for the Tuskegee group.

Dorothy Ballard, one of Tuskegee's outstanding basketball stars, has turned to high jumping and is sure to gain points for Tuskegee. Margaret Barnes, who won second place in the javelin throw in the National Championships last year, will be seen in this event and also in the baseball throw. Jessie Abbott, member of the National AAU champion 400 meter relay team, will also throw the discus and put the shot.

Hester Brown, who won second place in the 200 meter run at Nagacutk, Conn., last year, who is also a member of the relay team, has been entered in the 100 meter run. Leila Perry and Ernestine Rogers, promising sprinters, have been entered in the 50 yard dash. These girls are also members of Tuskegee's "B" relay team, that won third place at Nagacutk last year. Celestine Birge, member of the National Championship Relay Team, has been able to retain her position during the gruelling try-outs and will lead off for the relay team.

The men's section of the Tuskegee contingent is headed by Mozelle Ellerbe, Drake Relay Champion in the 100-yard dash, also N. C. A. A., 100-yard champion. Ellerbe's best time for the hundred is 9.5. For the 100 meters, 10.4, made at Hamburg, Germany, last year and for the 220 yards 20.5 seconds. He seems to be running in splendid condition after having an operation early in the school year.

MISS MABLE SMITH

—colorful Tuskegee Institute senior co-ed, drum major, football queen, and track star, who, this Friday, April 7, will seek new cinderpath laurels after being unable to compete for the Crimson and Gold last spring because of an appendectomy.

Miss Smith, an Atlanta girl, is former holder of the national women's broad jump record with a leap of 18 feet. The title is now held by her teammate and fellow Atlantan, Miss Lula Hymes, who holds a sprint record and is regarded as the outstanding college woman athlete in the country.

Borican Still Thinks Mark May Be Accepted

PHILADELPHIA—(S N S)—Contending that more benefits for the colored athletes of the city could be derived from the organization of one big athletic club rather than several small clubs working independently as is the present set-up, John Borican, national middle distance record breaker, speaking at the annual Father and Son banquet given by the Christian Street YMCA, Saturday, urged business men of the city to cooperate in establishing such an organization.

Featured with Barney Ewell, sprint champion, Borican recalled his running days in Philadelphia when he competed under the colors of a local club and the financial handicaps he had to overcome.

The two track stars, Borican and Ewell, were not only; an inspiration to the young boys attending the affair, as they told of the habits of clean living formed in early boyhood, but thrilled one and all with vivid accounts of their track experiences and future athletic ambitions.

Ewell, introduced by Al Dunmore, local sports editor, related that the biggest thrill of his racing career was the day he placed third in the National AAU meet in Wisconsin. He told his audience that one of the essential requirements for athletic competition is the ability to be a good loser.

Randy Dixon, sports scribe, introduced Borican. Telling of the handicaps besetting colored athletes who break records, Borican lauded the work of John Woodruff, Bill Watson, John Marion and other top flight athletes. He told of his trip to Europe and declared that he had the best time of all in Berlin, Germany.

He stated that the 1000-yard record that he created in New York may yet be his because the MAAU board of officials may discount the story of the starter—that he beat the gun—when they meet this summer.

Modestly, he claimed that his victories over Glenn Cunningham may have been due to the fact that Glenn has not run many 1000 yards this year.

John Francis Williams, toastmaster for the affair, presented three youngsters, Donald Hardy, Page Anderson and Olive Duke, who spoke for the sons at the banquet. William Jones, father of four sons, and a member of the original committee that planned the YMCA building, responded for the fathers.

John Bogle acknowledge and responded to the speeches of Borican and the other athletes who were the guests.

Negroes Predominant In Golden Gloves

By WILLIAM PICKENS
(For ANP)

"The survival of the fittest"—sixteen winners—TEN of them black boys and Six of them white boys.—Now, listen: I have real white friends who would "die" for me much sooner than any of my colored friends would. So there is no race prejudice in what I am going to observe and say. I will just say what is: and whatever is, is.

The Negro is plainly superior in all this athletic business. His total number in the United States is the 10th part of the population,—and according to that he should have had about one champion out of these 16 that were sifted from the entire nation. And when we consider that altho his numerical per centage is ten, his per centage of privilege and opportunity would hardly be one or two—when we consider, that, his taking nearly two thirds of all the championships is phenomenal.

In the finals of the Golden Gloves battles in Chicago, this city, had nine winners and New York took seven places. BUT; of Chicago's nine, six were Negroes; and of New York's seven, four were Negroes. That is, the Negroes seem superior in the parts and in the whole.

Amazing Facts

And let us see again: altho the Negro is one 10th of the whole country, he is not one per cent of the part of the country from which these black champions came. The South bars all its Negro boys out of all such contests. If the black boys of Mississippi, where half the population is of Negroes, had the right to enter the preliminaries of the Mississippi contests, and if South Carolina, Alabama, and all the other Southern states gave their Negro lads the chance, nearly all the champions from the whole South would be black boys—and the "finals" in Chicago, or New York, or wherever in this country they should be held would produce almost a 100 per cent colored list. Just think of the black belng less than one per cent if the population of the contest places that admit him,—and much less than one per cent if we include the whites of the areas that exclude him, and yet taking nearly 93 per cent of all the honors when the battles are over.

Must Be Superiority

There must be some explanation of this; and I hesitate to accept the explanation which practically ALL white people would assert if the figures were reversed: if less than one white boy had a contest amid more than 100 Negro boys, and if the final contests showed that this fraction of a white man came out at the end as 10 against 6—great God! that would prove the "superiority" of the white race beyond a shadow of a doubt. Even the Negroes, many of them would concede it.

And remember: white men are the judges and referees and have all the inside advantages of decision. Most of the blacks must win by a knockout, or by such manifest superiority that the raw crowd looking on would be ready to boo any decision against the evident superiority of performance.

Looks as if His Majesty, Joe Louis Barrow, and His Royal Highness, Henry Armstrong, have a crew coming in after them which will more than hold up and preserve the high levels which they have set. What are we going to do about it?

MBC To Play Golf

The intercollegiate golfers are expected to swing into action early in April in order to get ready for the Second Annual Intercollegiate Golf Tournament, to be played over the Tuskegee course the first week in May.

S. H. Archer, Jr., coach of the Maroon and White team champions from Morehouse College, is not too optimistic about the 1939 aggregation, yet he has stated definitely that he intends to bring another beautiful trophy back from Tuskegee.

This year's squad will be minus the very valuable services of J. Paul Howard and Willie Owens, two of the ranking stars of the first tourney. Coach Archer has a few good men to fill the two positions on the team-of-four, but it will be a matter of time before he can tell just how good these youngsters will turn out to be. Two of the members of last year's squad, Moss Kendrick, and Beard, are still on hand.

MORRIS BROWN TO HAVE TEAM

If the plans of Coach W. J. Nicks of Morris Brown College materialize, the Wolverines will be represented by a team-of-four at the Tuskegee meet. Several men on the campus are reputed to be excellent golfers, but Coach Nicks is from "Missouri" and is waiting to see how they turn out. Among those expected to try out for the team are: Carl Hubbard, Slim Tipton, "Skinny" Smith, Edgar Pope and John Lawson.

Last year, Clark University had a well-balanced team, and it is anticipated that Coach Ralph Robinson will enter another team in the tournament this year. Members of the 1938 Cardinal and Black team included: Wainwright, Bannerman and Harper.

ALFRED HOLMES TO DEFEND CROWN

Alfred Holmes, son of Dr. H. M. Holmes of Atlanta and a senior at Tuskegee, is now working out daily on the Tuskegee layout in order to defend his crown. Holmes won the championship last year from a fast field and repeated this feat later by winning the southern amateur title.

Both Florida A. and M. and Ala. State Teachers College are expected to enter strong golf teams, and it is quite possible that both Holmes, the individual champion and Morehouse, team champion will have to play par golf to retain the championships.

"ALL IN THE GAME"

In practically all interracial contests in these United States, the Negro contestant needs to possess himself in advance of the understanding that he can not expect to be "just as good" as his white competitor to be recorded as running a "dead heat." Whether in sports or any other walk of life, the Negro contestant needs to remember that when the results of the contest are recorded, something is going to be taken from him because of the incident of color. Saying this is not superstition, suspicion or a case where the Negro who states it is exhibiting undue sensitiveness. It is a fact that constantly is being recorded and proclaimed by intelligent and unbiased observers the white race.

The boldest of those who constantly point out the unfair advantages that are taken of Negroes because of their color are writers and speakers of the younger generation of Southern white leaders. One of these, very evidently is Jack Troy, popular sports writer of the Atlanta Constitution. In his column, "All in the Game," in the issue of his paper for June 29, Mr. Troy thus describes what happened when Mozel Ellerbe raced with some white boys in a national contest:

> "That was quite a race ELLERBE of Tuskegee ran in the National Collegiate A.A. 100-yard dash on the coast. . . . The judges placed him second but the ever reliable magic eye showed he had won by a couple of inches."

Negroes must never avoid getting into contests of any kind that they have a chance to enter in these United States. But they must prepare to put more than a few inches between themselves and their white rivals if they expect to be crowned champions. Finishing by a mere nose ahead doesn't get it in these United States for the Negro Contestant. It's "All in the Game," as Jack Troy would say.

LOUIS SUITS ARE SETTLED OUT OF COURT

CHICAGO, Feb. 23 (ANP)—The $100,000 slander suits filed by Sheridan A. Bruseaux, private detective, against Joe Louis and his managers, Julian Black and John Roxborough, and the similar suits filed by them against him as the aftermath of the first Louis-Schmeling fight have been settled out of court to the satisfaction of all parties concerned, it was revealed last week.

The suits threatened to bring on sensational exposes if aired in court. Bruseaux had charged Louis was doped before the Schmeling fight in June, 1936, and the Louis group accused the Southside detective of trying to shake them down. The suits were dismissed by Federal Judge John B. Barnes "without cost or prejudice."

GENERAL PUBLIC MUST BE CHANGED

Ford Frick, President of National League, Discloses Reason for Ban, In Exclusive Interview.

By WENDELL SMITH
(Staff Correspondent)

Ford Frick, President of the National League, told us in an exclusive interview Sunday morning that major league baseball is willing to accept Negro ball players today!

Aroused early Sunday morning in his luxurious suite at Pittsburgh's William Penn Hotel, the former school teacher, ex-New York and Colorado sports writer and radio broadcaster, gave us the major league's angle on the most widely-discussed question in the sports world today.

The National League chief is a tall, lanky individual. Easy to approach. A willing conversationalist. Along with Kenesaw Landis, baseball's high commissioner, and William Harridge, president of the American League, Frick is one of the "Big Three" of the national pastime.

SAYS GENERAL PUBLIC NOT EDUCATED TO IDEA

"Many baseball fans are of the opinion that major league baseball does not want Negro players," commented Frick, "but that is not true. We have always been interested in Negro players, but have not used them because we feel that the general public has not been educated to the point where they will accept them on the same standard as they do the white player."

The National League president went on to say that he believes the time is near when Negro players will be starring on big league teams.

"The big leagues," he said, "are in the same position as newspapers. We cannot do anything we want to until public opinion is ready for it."

Frick said there are many problems that must be ironed out before Negroes would be accepted into the big leagues.

"A ball club spends six weeks in the deep South and half the season on the road," he pointed out, "and there are many places where we could not take a Negro player because of social problems. Such situations bring about embarrassment and dissatisfaction for all concerned.

Frick doubted that in places where the color line is drawn it would be advisable to separate the players.

"A ball club must be a unit. The only way a manager can develop team spirit is to keep his men together as much as possible, especially on the road. It would also mean that ball players who were not broadminded would take advantage of the situation and use it to furtheir their own cause. It might go so far as to demoralize a winning team."

MAJORS INTERESTED IN COLORED LEAGUES

Asked just what attitude the major leagues had toward Negro leagues, Frick assured us that it was very interested in the various sepia diamond organizations.

We pointed out that Negro baseball was having a difficult time making ends meet because of major league competition and financial problems. We asked if the majors would possibly give Negro baseball a helping hand if approached.

"As far as I know," Frick replied, "we have never been approached from that angle, but I think we could give them some valuable advice if they wanted it. We certainly would like to see the Negro leagues prosper."

The National League prexy went on to name numerous cities where sepia baseball could flourish if handled in the right manner.

"Cities like New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, and a number of Southern towns, have Negro populations capable of supporting ball clubs easily," he said.

Returning to the question of the Negro player in big league baseball, Frick said that there is no written law against the sepia player. He said that baseball is biding its time and waiting for the social change, which is nnevitable.

"I think that in the near future people will be willing to accept the Negro ball player just as they have the Negro boxer and college athlete. Times are changing."

RECALLS NOBLE SISSLE AND INDIANA INCIDENT

Frick pointed out a particular incident which happened when he was a basketball player at De Paw University as an example of the gradual social change.

"We had a very well-mannered player on the basketball team by the name of Noble Sissle, who is now a great orchestra leader. We were playing a game in Richmond, Indiana one night and before game time decided to get a bite to eat. We went to a restaurant and ordered our meals. When the owner saw Noble Sissle he refused to serve him. Angry, we all got up and walked out."

Frick said that he does not believe they would refuse a Negro today under similar circumstances.

"It is a distasteful problem, but one we must face. I am sure that any of the major league managers would use a colored player if he thought the fans in

'NO COLOR LINE!'

Ford Frick, president of the National League, who told The Courier in an exclusive interview Sunday that big league baseball has no written law against Negro ball players. The National League prexy predicted that sepia players will be admitted some time in the future.

his particular city would stand for it. There was a time when Jewish players were not wanted.

"Johnny Kling, famous old catcher, was one of the first Jewish boys in baseball and he was treated very poorly at first. Now, the Jewish players are just as popular as any of the others."

MANY SEPIAS CAPABLE OF PLAYING IN MAJORS

Commenting on Negro baseball, Frick stated that he had seen a number of sepia players capable of making major league teams.

"One I remember rather well is Satchell Paige," he said, "and there are others whose names I do not know off hand."

Frick said that no plans had been formulated by the majors to include the Negro leagues in their one hundreth celebration of baseball this year.

This celebration is not a major league affair, but one of the fans, players and everyone concerned with baseball," he told us.

"We are anxious to see all groups and individuals celebrate. Organized baseball is celebrating in its own particular way. We have not agreed to foster any programs for colleges or other institutions. However, we would be willing to give the Negro leagues suggestions as how to develop a similar celebration program. After all, this is not our game, baseball is everybody's game."

Before departing, we jumped back on the question of Negroes in the majors, asking the National head if he would venture to say how long it will be before sepia players are admitted into the big leagues.

"I can not name any particular day or year, but assure you that when the people ask for the inclusion of your players we will use them. I do not think the time is far off and with constant crusading by the press of both races it is bound to come. However, you must keep fighting."

"Never let the issue die, because there is no way to measure public opinion. It may change tomorrow."

Frick, whose speech is typical of the mid-westerner, refused to make any predictions as to the outcome of the 1939 National League race, but said that New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati and Brooklyn look like the teams, to beat, and that it is bound to be a close race.

Galento's Strong, But So Was Primo, Observes Martin, Who Can't See Tiff

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

ATLANTA, Ga., March 2—(AP)—It's a brand new match, so it might be expected to likht anywhere, but there are reasons to believe the Joe Louis-Tony Galento heavyweight title bout won't light in New York.

Not that Promoter Mike Jacobs has picked up a hot iron and can't put it down. Several cities are bidding for the affair, an although he has limited the field somewhat, including only the United States, there should be little fear that it will not come off as scheduled. Or perhaps the fear should be that it will come off as scheduled.

Anyway, Commissioner Bill Brown of New York, never has been a great admirer of Galento's fighting ability and he has the quaint notion that Butcher Tony should prove he can fan out more than second raters before he is permitted a major league trial.

Brown, even before the match was made, indicated he would never approve suc ha contest, which possibly accounts for Jacobs' announcement he is open for bids on the wrecking job.

New Jersey would seem the ideal spot, as it is Galento's home state and many a Jerseyite can peer through the foam and see Tony as a fighter while the rest of the country just peers through Tony and sees the foam.

The match was certain to come, and regardless of its merits probably will draw a huge crowd, made up largely of those who expect Louis to win, those who expect Galento to lose, and those who expect only the worst.

We still can't see the bout as a match. Galento has lost to too many guys named Joe. It is admitted he can deliver a terrific jolt with his left, but it's like seeing a train coming a mile away. It likewise is admitted he is strong, but so was Primo Carnera.

But in all his fights to date he has wandered in there as open as a picture book, and Louis would just deftly add to the coloring in a case like that.

Galento undoubtedly would change his style entirely for Louis, knowing that all Joe would need to end the bout would be to find an opening for a bright young man.

Tony's best bet would be to double up into a knot and roll forward as a confusing maze of elbows, shoulders and head. Joe never did like heady fighters, and Galento is the ideal build to use his head as a Sunday punch. It would not have to be intentioanl, but that wouldn't make Joe feel any better about it.

Anyway, the match is made. The question now is the best place to make it light.

15 Qualify For Chicago Amateurs

CHICAGO, Mar.—(ANP)—Of the 32 amateur boxers who have fought their way to the semi-finals of the Chicago Tribune's 12th annual Golden Gloves tournament, to be held at the Chicago stadium Friday night, 15 are Negroes. These are the survivors of over 20,000 starting boxers in 47 communities throughout the Midwest and South.

Those who qualified, after fighting at the stadium last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights are Willie Moon, Catholic Youth organization, Chicago, flyweight; James Joynce, Gary, bantamweight; William Parson, Danville, Ill., and Homer Williams, Savoy A. C., Chicago, featherweights; Johnny Pleasant, Savoy A. C., lightweight; Jim Bivens, Cleveland, Vernell Williams, Gary, Johnny Pea, Davenport, Ia., and Milton Jones, St. Louis welterweights.

Curtis McDaniels, C. Y. O., Chicago and Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, middleweights; Joe Murdock, Detroit, Jim Reeves, Cleveland, and Shelton Bell Dayton, Ohio, light heavyweights, and John Washington, Dayton, heavyweight.

As is usually the case, colored fighters dominated the tournament. There are qualifiers in every weight class, and all of the four surviving 147 pounders are Negroes, thus assuring at least one champion. Others who have caught the crowd's fancy and loom as likely winners are Reeves, Pleasant and Williams.

One of the smoothest lightweights in the tournament, James Edgar of Detroit, seemed headed for the championship until he was disqualified in the quarter-finals Wednesday night. Having his white opponent, Bob Morley of Sioux City, Ia., on the verge of a knockout, Edgar became over-anxious and hit on the break. The referee's action in stopping the bout and awarding the decision to the badly-beaten opponent was roundly booed, and Detroit representatives indicated they would protest the action. In other instances, boxers had clipped opponents on the break but none had been disqualified.

Outside of Washington, who plays tackle on the Wilberforce football team, there were no impressive heavyweights in this year's tournament. Among the light heavies, Altus Allen of Chicago was touted as the smoothest since the days of Joe Louis, but he was eliminated on a close decision by Ragon Kinney, white, of Fort Smith, Ark.

Sportsmanship in the crowd seemed better this year than previously, with the spectators occasionally booing decisions they thought should be gone to colored boxers.

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Xavier Of New Orleans Wins Annual Basketball Tourney

Catholics Wallop Morehouse Of Atlanta In Final, 55 To 24; Tuskegee Loses To Morehouse As 'Bama State Is Eliminated By Xavier

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA. Feb. 26.—Logan Hall was packed with 2,750 fans here Saturday night in the final episode of the sixth annual Southern Intercollegiate Conference basketball tournament.

Xavier University of New Orleans, winners in 1938, extended her streak to two in a row by defeating Morehouse College from Atlanta, 55 to 24.

Most of the experts who saw Xavier march to victory were of the opinion that they were looking at one of the greatest college teams in history. This team toyed with the Tigers and won the game without even working up a sweat.

Xavier had a close call from Florida on Thursday night and required an extra period to win, 38 to 35. The Catholics snapped back to par on Friday night to banish Alabama, 48 to 27, and roared over Morehouse finally, 55 to 24.

Record throngs saw the spirited series to establish a new total attendance mark for the event. The first to fall was favored Clark University of Atlanta. The Cardinal and Black brought the finest record to the meet—13 victories and only one defeat. Injury to Clarence Younger, sensational New Yorker, on the first play of the tournament, put the Georgians on the wrong road. They got by Knoxville, 42 to 37, but a few hours later bowed to Morehouse, 39 to 35.

Florida, a dark horse, barely shaded Talladega, 42-41, in the first encounter. Clark followed with a 42-37 win over Knoxville, and a surprising Tuskegee team felled Morris Brown's seeded Purple, 49-42. State Teachers College, Montgomery, halted Fisk, 50-28; Xavier took Florida after much confusion, 38-35, and Morehouse ended the first day's play by upsetting Clark, 39-35.

On Friday evening in the semi-finals, Morehouse eked Tuskegee in a frenzied duel, 25-24, for the right to meet Xavier, 48-27 victors over Alabama, for the championship Saturday night. Tuskegee and Alabama were thus delegated to the consolation game for third place.

Alabama took Tuskegee, 40-38, in the most interesting game of the week. This one had the crowd electrified all the way with the lead changing nine times. The Hornets took third place by virtue of the victory.

Championship game lineup:

Xavier (55)—	G.	F.	Pf.	Tp.
Crozier, forward	10	3	3	23
Thomas, forward	4	0	2	8
King, center	4	2	2	10
Harris, guard	2	0	0	4
Blackburn, guard	0	0	0	0
Epps	1	0	0	2
Reeves	0	0	0	0
Hall	2	0	0	4
Bluitt	2	0	2	4
Summers	0	0	2	0
Toney	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	5	11	55
Morehouse (24)—	**G.**	**F.**	**Pf.**	**Tp.**
Coffee, forward	1	3	2	5
Cobb, forward	1	0	0	2
Blocker, center	1	1	3	3
Harris, guard	0	1	1	1
Smith, guard	1	1	0	3
Swartz	1	0	0	2
McCurrine	1	0	0	2
Steele	0	0	0	0
Adams	1	1	0	3

Echols	1	0	1	2
Totals	8	8	8	24

Officials: G. H. Lennon (Bluefield), William O'Shields (Minnesota).

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Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

John Borican, Ex-Va. State Star, Looms As Bright 1940 Olympic Sensation; Called "Best Runner In Country"

HOWARD DREW was first of the great Negro sprinters. His mark of 9.4 in the 100-yard dash was later tied but it stood so long folk generally said there would be no other sepia space-annihilator like him. But Eddie Tolan came along and, by winning both "flat" races in the 1932 Olympics, made us forget all about his predecessor.

Folk, after that, said, "There'll never be another Tolan". But Ralph Metcalfe, a portion of whose career was contemporaneous to Eddie's, tied some of Tolan's marks and bettered others—only to have Jesse Owens bob upon the scene and place him in the shade. Owens climaxed the whole business by winning both "flat" races, the running broad jump, and by running a victorious 400-meter relay anchor in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin.

But when everyone began lamenting the passing of Owens, upon the scene came Ben Johnson, the Columbia University flash, who started tying and breaking records in the 60-yard, 100-yard, 100-meter, 200-yard, and 200-meter dashes.

Folk were sure, with the maturity of Johnson, that, finally, we had come to what the psychologists call a "dead level" in the production of great sprinters. But Herbert Thompson is now with us and, until the past Saturday night, March 11, in New York City, had won 28 straight 60-yard dashes in indoor competition. The 60-yard dash national champion was beaten finally by Perrin Walker of Atlanta, white, who hails from Oglethorpe University, but finished third, just behind Eulace Peacock and a step in front of Ben Johnson, who shares the 60-yard dash record with Jesse Owens with a best performance of 6.1 seconds. Walker won in 6.2 seconds Saturday.

But Thompson isn't in a class by himself in that 60-yard event. Barney Ewell, sepia freshman winged mercury at Pennsylvania State College, recently tied the existing world record for the event by touring the distance in 6.1 seconds. Hosts of experts say he's so good that he may eventually run the 100-yard dash in nine seconds flat.

However, the corner really started out to talk about this John Borican, late of Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., but now a graduate student at Columbia University. He makes his home in New Jersey.

According to Carl Merner, white coach at Columbia University, under whom Borican is performing at the present time, the colored youth is the greatest runner in the nation. Here's what Merner says of the 25-year-old ex-Trojan:

"For my money, Borican is the best runner in the country today.

"Look at his record in the races. And besides that, in field events he has 23 feet, 6 inches in the broad jump; 6 feet, 2 inches in the high jump; 150 feet in the javelin throw; and 126 feet with the discus. The boy would win points in any meet."

Saturday night in the Knights of Columbus races in Madison Square Garden, Borican ran the fastest 1,000 yards on record in 2:08.1 to beat the great Glenn Cunningham of Kansas, white, before 16,000 wild-eyed spectators, giving the Nordic just his second beating in his last twelve starts. Borican also placed second to National Champion Charley Beetham, white of the 69th Regiment A. A. in the twentieth running of the 600 meters. Beetham broke the existing world record held by Jimmy Herbert of New York Curb Exchange by running the distance in 1:11.3, which was two-tenths of a second faster than the time made by the colored boy last year.

Saturday, February 4, after only three hours' hleep, Borican broke the eleven year record in the ..1,000 ..yards event to beat out Gene Venzke, Mel Truitt, and other celebrated white diistance artists. It was John's first race on a banked track.

Saturday, February 11, in the 32nd Annual Millrose games in Madison Square Garden, Borican won the two-thirds mile event in 2:39, breaking a world mark which had stood up since 1923 by exactly 4.6 seconds. A week later at the same site, Borican captured the 1,000 meters in 2:28.6 and, meanwhile, Herbert Thompson was tying the world record in the 60-yard dash with a performance of 6.1 seconds; Melvin Walker was high-jumping 6 feet, 8 inches to beat the former champion, Lloyd Thompson of Xavier; and Jimmy Herbert was touring a brilliant leg on New York University's victorious 400-meter relay unit. Interestingly enough, Thompson had won the 60-yard dash February 11 in the same record-tying time of 6.1 seconds, while Walker had also triumphed in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 7 and 3-8 inches.

By 1940 Olympics time, John Borican may be one of the finest decathlon artists of a decade or quarter-century. Besides his surprising ability in most of the field events (except the pole vault and shot put, which he has yet to try), he can run just about any distance one can name up to a mile. Note his best times in eight different distance events he has actually won.

EVENT	BEST TIME
a. 110-meter hurdles	14.8 seconds
b. 400 meters	47.9 seconds
c. 600 meters	1 minute, 12 seconds
d. half mile	1 minute, 50 seconds
e. 1,000 yards	2 minutes, 8.8 seconds
f. 1,000 meters	2 minutes, 28.6 seconds
g. 2-3 mile	2 minutes, 39 seconds
h. mile	4 minutes, 12.5 seconds

Borican formerly liked the half mile as his ideal event. Now, however, he has set his ambition at running the greatest mile ever recorded. He says his heart will never be at ease again until he has achieved the latter end.

Whereas Charles H. Williams of Hampton Institute did well in winning the javelin throw in the Penn Relays several years ago and Mozelle Ellerbe of Tuskegee Institute has brought unlimited praise for southern colleges as a result of his great sprinting successes in the Drake Relays and abroad last year, one cannot help but admit that Borican is the greatest track star ever developed in an all-Negro institution. He is, by far, the greatest star ever produced in the south.

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NEGRO RING MEET BOOKED

Fourth Annual Event at Church's Park April 10-14

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Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

John Borican, Ex-Va. State Star, Looms As Bright 1940 Olympic Sensation; Called "Best Runner In Country"

HOWARD DREW was first of the great Negro sprinters. His mark of 9.4 in the 100-yard dash was later tied but it stood so long folk generally said there would be no other sepia space-annihilator like him. But Eddie Tolan came along and, by winning both "flat" races in the 1932 Olympics, made us forget all about his predecessor.

Folk, after that, said, "There'll never be another Tolan". But Ralph Metcalfe, a portion of whose career was contemporaneous to Eddie's, tied some of Tolan's marks and bettered others—only to have Jesse Owens bob upon the scene and place him in the shade. Owens climaxed the whole business by winning both "flat" races, the running broad jump, and by running a victorious 400-meter relay anchor in the 1936 Olympics at Berlin.

But when everyone began lamenting the passing of Owens, upon the scene came Ben Johnson, the Columbia University flash, who started tying and breaking records in the 60-yard, 100-yard, 100-meter, 200-yard, and 200-meter dashes.

Folk were sure, with the maturity of Johnson, that, finally, we had come to what the psychologists call a "dead level" in the production of great sprinters. But Herbert Thompson is now with us and, until the past Saturday night, March 11, in New York City, had won 28 straight 60-yard dashes in indoor competition. The 60-yard dash national champion was beaten finally by Perrin Walker of Atlanta, white, who hails from Oglethorpe University, but finished third, just behind Eulace Peacock and a step in front of Ben Johnson, who shares the 60-yard dash record with Jesse Owens with a best performance of 6.1 seconds. Walker won in 6.2 seconds Saturday.

But Thompson isn't in a class by himself in that 60-yard event. Barney Ewell, sepia freshman winged mercury at Pennsylvania State College, recently tied the existing world record for the event by touring the distance in 6.1 seconds. Hosts of experts say he's so good that he may eventually run the 100-yard dash in nine seconds flat.

However, the corner really started out to talk about this John Borican, late of Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., but now a graduate student at Columbia University. He makes his home in New Jersey.

According to Carl Merner, white coach at Columbia University, under whom Borican is performing at the present time, the colored youth is the greatest runner in the nation. Here's what Merner says of the 25-year-old ex-Trojan:

"For my money, Borican is the best runner in the country today.

"Look at his record in the races. And besides that, in field events he has 23 feet, 6 inches in the broad jump; 6 feet, 2 inches in the high jump; 150 feet in the javelin throw; and 126 feet with the discus. The boy would win points in any meet."

Saturday night in the Knights of Columbus races in Madison Square Garden, Borican ran the fastest 1,000 yards on record in 2:08.1 to beat the great Glenn Cunningham of Kansas, white, before 16,000 wild-eyed spectators, giving the Nordic just his second beating in his last twelve starts. Borican also placed second to National Champion Charley Beetham, white of the 69th Regiment A. A. in the twentieth running of the 600 meters. Beetham broke the existing world record held by Jimmy Herbert of New York Curb Exchange by running the distance in 1:11.3, which was two-tenths of a second faster than the time made by the colored boy last year.

Saturday, February 4, after only three hours' hleep, Borican broke the eleven year record in the ..1,000 ..yards event to beat out Gene Venzke, Mel Truitt, and other celebrated white diistance artists. It was John's first race on a banked track.

Saturday, February 11, in the 32nd Annual Millrose games in Madison Square Garden, Borican won the two-thirds mile event in 2:39, breaking a world mark which had stood up since 1923 by exactly 4.6 seconds. A week later at the same site, Borican captured the 1,000 meters in 2:28.6 and, meanwhile, Herbert Thompson was tying the world record in the 60-yard dash with a performance of 6.1 seconds; Melvin Walker was high-jumping 6 feet, 8 inches to beat the former champion, Lloyd Thompson of Xavier; and Jimmy Herbert was touring a brilliant leg on New York University's victorious 400-meter relay unit. Interestingly enough, Thompson had won the 60-yard dash February 11 in the same record-tying time of 6.1 seconds, while Walker had also triumphed in the high jump with a leap of 6 feet, 7 and 3-8 inches.

By 1940 Olympics time, John Borican may be one of the finest decathlon artists of a decade or quarter-century. Besides his surprising ability in most of the field events (except the pole vault and shot put, which he has yet to try), he can run just about any distance one can name up to a mile. Note his best times in eight different distance events he has actually won.

EVENT	BEST TIME
a. 110-meter hurdles	14.8 seconds
b. 400 meters	47.9 seconds
c. 600 meters	1 minute, 12 seconds
d. half mile	1 minute, 50 seconds
e. 1,000 yards	2 minutes, 8.8 seconds
f. 1,000 meters	2 minutes, 28.6 seconds
g. 2-3 mile	2 minutes, 39 seconds
h. mile	4 minutes, 12.5 seconds

Borican formerly liked the half mile as his ideal event. Now, however, he has set his ambition at running the greatest mile ever recorded. He says his heart will never be at ease again until he has achieved the latter end.

Whereas Charles H. Williams of Hampton Institute did well in winning the javelin throw in the Penn Relays several years ago and Mozelle Ellerbe of Tuskegee Institute has brought unlimited praise for southern colleges as a result of his great sprinting successes in the Drake Relays and abroad last year, one cannot help but admit that Bori-

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COLORED BOXERS HAVE 15 PLACES IN 32 OF 'GOLDEN GLOVES' FINALS

CHICAGO, Mar. 8 (ANP)—Of the 32 amateur boxers who have fought their way to the semifinals and finals of the Chicago Tribune's 12th annual Golden Gloves tournament, to be held at the Chicago stadium Friday night, 15 are Negroes. These are the survivors of over 20,000 starting boxers in 47 communities throughout the Midwest and South.

Those who qualified after fighting at the stadium last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday nights are Willie Moon, Catholic Youth organization, Chicago, flyweight; James Joynce, Gary, bantamweight; William Parson, Danville, Ill., and Homer Williams, Savoy A. C., Chicago, featherweights; Johnny Pleasant, Savoy A. C., lightweight; Jim Bivens, Cleveland, Vernell Williams, Gary, Johnny Pea, Davenport, Ia., and Milton Jones, St. Louis, welterweights;

Curtis McDaniels, C. Y. O., Chicago, and Ezzard Charles, Cincinnati, middleweights; Joe Murdock, Detroit, Jim Reeves, Cleveland, and Shelton Bell, Dayton, O., light heavyweights, and John Washington, Dayton, heavyweight.

As is usually the case, colored fighters dominated the tournament. There are qualifiers in every weight class, and all of the four surviving 147 pounders are Negroes, thus assuring at least one champion. Others who have caught the crowd's fancy and loom as likely winners are Reeves, Pleasant and Williams.

One of the smoothest lightweights in the tournament, James Edgar of Detroit, seemed headed for the championship until he was disqualified in the quarterfinals Wednesday night. Having his white opponent, Bob Morley of Sioux City, Ia., on the verge of a knockout, Edgar became over anxious and hit on the break. The referee's action in stopping the bout and awarding the decision to the badly-beaten opponent was roundly booed, and Detroit representatives indicated they would protest the action. In other instances, boxers had clipped opponents on the break but none had been disqualified.

Outside of Washington, who play tackle on the Wilberforce football team, there were no impressive heavyweights in this year's tournament. Among the light heavies, Al tus Allen of Chicago was touted a the smoothest since the days o Joe Louis, but he was eliminated on a close decision by Ragon Kinney, white, of Fort Smith, Ark.

Sportsmanship in the crowd seemed better this year than previously, with the spectators occasionally booing decisions they thought should have gone to colored boxers.

Borican Says He Could Have Done Better

HANOVER, N. H.—(ANP)—Already the possessor of two new world records established this season in the two-thirds mile and at 1,000 yards, the latter which was not accepted, the sensational John Borican, former Virginia State athlete, set two more universal standards at Dartmouth's indoor invitational meet Wednesday night.

Borican, who never before had run the half mile in under 1:56 mashed the indoor record for both the 880 yard run and 800 meters on the fast wood floor, negotiating the first distance in 1:49.8 after timers caught him in 1:49.2 at 800 meters.

The former marks, set in 1928 by Lloyd Hahn, were 1:51.4 for both distances.

The running star, now taking postgraduate study in New York, said afterward he could have clipped another two seconds from the standard had he been pushed. He said he slowed down a bit on the backstretch and before he could do anything about it, he had crossed the finish line. Pacing him were four Dartmouth youths with handicaps ranging from 10 to 95 yards, but Borican beat them all to the tape.

SWARTHMORE COLLEGE TO MEET HOWARD'S BADMINTON TEAM

WASHINGTON, March 23 -- Badminton, the imported English game has made its impression on Howard University. Formal introduction of the game will be made March 25, when the Swarthmore College badminton team meets a similar Howard U. organization at the Bison gymnasium.

Probably none of the recently innovated games is so popular as this rapidly spreading game. It is a cross between tennis and volley ball, but there has been eliminated the body contact of volley ball and the great strain of tennis. Here one develops a finer coordination of delicate reflexes and muscular reactions.

In order to choose the best players in the school, the Department of Physical Education for Men has sponsored a tournament among university badminton enthusiasts. Results show that the visiting players from Swarthmore will encounter a worthy opponent in the Howard squad.

Results of First Round

Lyno defeated Polite 15-5, 15-6; Wiseman defeated Wallace 15-3, 15-12; Catchings defeated Nightengale 15-3, 15-7; Farmer defeated Washington 15-0, 15-12; Dennis defeated Barnes 15-12; 15-4; Mancini defeated Wilkinson 15-3, 15-3; Woods defeated Hunter (default); Moorehead defeated Hawkins 15-8, 15-6; Green defeated Barbee (default); Fenwick defeated Freeman (default); Bridges defeated Chandler 15-4, 15-3; Richardson defeated Williams (default); J. Jones defeated Radix 15-8, 15-4; Miss Patterson defeated Miss Johnson (default);

COACH PREDICTS NEW RECORD IN CHICAGO RELAYS

Hill Believes Borck Will Push Borican To New Mark In 1.000

Cunningham Will Face Stiff Competition In Mile Feature

BY EARL HILLIGAN

CHICAGO, March 24—(AP)—Frank Hill, veteran Northwestern track coach, believes that Johnny Borican, the "find" of the Winter indoor track season, may "find himself bowled right off the track" should he fail to produce a world's indoor record in the 1,000-yard run in the Chicago relays Saturday night.

Hill, who has been watching the country's top flight runners for more than 30 years, gives the Elberon, N. J., Negro speedster an excellent chance to lower the indoor mark of 2:10.1 set by Glenn Cunningham in 1935 at New York. Hill is of that opinion because he considers Howard Borck, former Manhattan star, one of the finest all-around runners in the sport Friday —and Borck will run against the New Jersey Negro star.

"Borican ran the fastest 1,000 March 11," Hill pointed out. "He was deprived of his 2:08.8 mark because he allegedly beat the gun. But whether he did or not, I think he is good enough—with someone pushing him—to set a new mark. With Borck doing the pushing Borican may have to establish a new record Saturday night."

Cunningham, twice winner of the Bankers' Mile and out to gain permanent possession of the trophy, will be favored to win this relay's fixture, but he'll be running in a great field. It will include Chuck Fenske and Gene Venzke, who ran ahead of Glenn in the Columbian Mile March 11, in addition to John Munski, of Missouri, and Wisconsin's Walter Mehl.

The 600-yard run may prove the highlight of the meet. The world's indoor record holder, Jimmy Herbert, of New York, will have trouble with such stars as Charley Beetham, Wesley Wallace and Harold Cagle. Both Beetham and Cagle whipped Herbert at the distance this season.

The meet, expected to pack International Amphitheater to its capacity of 8,500 seats, virtually winds up the major indoor season.

Physician Brother Of John Henry Lewis' Manager, Killed In Auto Crash Enroute To Heavyweight Title Bout In New York

PITTSBURGH, Jan.—How Fate must revel in her ability to mock the best laid plans of mice and men! Gus Greenlee, fight mentor, realizes tonight (Wednesday) one dream of several years' standing. At the same time, at one stroke, he has lost to that all-time Challenger and Champion, Death. His baby brother, Dr. Jack Greenlee, whom he adored, around whom he had woven his web of lifelong ambitions and dreams, is dead, victim of an automobile accident.

When John Henry Lewis enters the ring in Madison Square Garden tonight as light heavyweight champion against Joe Louis, fistiana's king, Lewis will have two counts against him at the very outset.

John Henry Lewis, too, has a brother whom he adores; one upon whom he has been showering the fruits of his victories, and with whom he has shared the sting of defeat.

Joel Lewis will soon be graduated from Howard University Medical School. He, too, like young Dr. Greenlee, will hang out his shingle.

Joel, like Dr. Greenlee, is reaping the benefits a devoted brother has been denied! Too, Joel will be in one corner of the ring tonight ministering to his brother, John, throughout the duration of the fight.

In that same corner, will be John Henry's manager, Gus Greenlee, his stoic countenance a poor disguise for the anguish gnawing at his heart.

But young Dr. Jack will not be there—except in spirit!

The mystery of the majestic Allegheny mountain now stands as a silent barrier between these two beloved brothers, with only the wind to waft to him tonight a message the dying young man might have uttered, had his life not been snuffed out.

Dr. Greenlee, not only completed his year's internship in Philadelphia at Mercy Hospital, but had passed the Pennsylvania State Board and had opened offices in Sewickley just outside of Pittsburgh.

Dr. John Graves, resident at Mercy, under whom Greenlee served his year, said: "Hospital authorities are very much upset over the news of Dr. Greenlee's fatal accident. He was a very efficient intern, amicable and quiet. He was well liked by all of the fellows around here because of his efficiency and joviality."

Dr. Greenlee, while in Philadelphia, once remarked that he "liked Philadelphia" — as much as he had seen of it," but that he had not socialized any here, because he was anxious to do a good job and return home where he could set up practice and have his mother come to live with him.

We're all crazy about our brother, Gus," he had said.

And then he had humorously referred to the characteristic stature of the family. "We are all tall," he remarked. "I am the shortest one of the lot," he laughed, "so you can imagine how tall the others must be!" He was close to 6 feet tall.

BROTHER OF JOE LOUIS 'SASSY' (SAY COPS) HELD

DETROIT, Mich., Jan.—(UNP)—Lonne Barrow, brother of Joe Louis, was sentenced to traffic school, last Monday, by Judge F. Maher in traffic court, after it is alleged that Lonne was abusive to arresting officers when they stopped him at West Fort street and Campbell avenue where he was charged with racing with a car driven by Adolph Kleiner.

Patrolman Max Frame stated that Barrow said, "You don't know who I am," instead of producing his driver's license as requested. "I don't have to get out.. I'll have you fired for this; I'm Joe Louis' brother," Frame testified were the words of Lonne Barrow.

Barrow was taken to Fort street station and held until his mother provided a $50 bail for him. Adolph Kleiner, the other racing driver, was given a ticket for speeding 40 miles per hour.

NEGRO RINGSTER TO GET WARNING BY COMMISSION

Ambers' Manager Heads Field Of Hollerers For Crown Test

Weill Confident Lou Can Win Championship In Lightweight Class

BY DREW MIDDLETON

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Various interested parties here hinting as subtly as a charging rhinoceros that Henry Armstrong stop slapping over animated punching bags in whistle-stop arenas, return to the arms of Mike Jacobs and lay one of them tha'r titles on the line.

The most interested and also the loudest of the parties is M. Alphonse Weill. M. Weill is a manager—he also can make matches, promote, print tickets and do needlework—whose most valuable chattel is Lou Ambers.

M. Weill has in mind the lightweight title which Henry lifted from Lou's battered noggin last Summer after one of the cruelist, bloodiest fights of recent ring history. The fight was closer than all get out and quite a few of the customers thought Ambers was entitled to what we call "the duke."

Reputed the loudest hollerer in the fight business, M. Weill is at his peak right now. By custom a champion is allowed six months of knocking over set-ups and picking up dough in the Hinterland. The six months will be up Saturday for it was on Aug. 17 that Ambers was licked.

Gen. John J. Phelan, the good, gray dictator of the New York State Athletic Commission, will mail a tardy valentine to Henry Friday. Bluntly it will warn, "lay your title on the line or you cannot be my valentine." If Henry and Eddie Mead, his master-mind, know their business they'll come home, for the commission is right pert about champions who don't defend their titles.

Lou Can Take Hint

"I think Lou twill take tha mamy singer, if he gets in there with him again," said Weill. He and his bruiser both refer to Armstrong as the mamy singer, although Henry does littel if any singing. He is terrific with a left hook but he cannot sing second base or even play it.

More than a few of the boys think Weill is right. Armstrong hasn't let down for more than a month or so in three years. Since he licked the befuddled Filipino, Ceferino Garcia, last Nov. 25 he has been busier than a Philadelphia outfielder. And his style—climb on the other fellow's chest and keep punching 'till something gives—is such that each fight uses up a considerable store of energy. He has been fighting local heroes with an occasional big name—slightly shopworn—thrown in, but even these take training and ceaseless ring activity.

The boys argue this is the wrong sort of medicine for Henry. They prescribe a good long rest and argue that even though the hammer is apparently all muscle and heart, each fight leaves him less prepared for Ambers and the others who are gunning for that one big shot—Armstrong.

Theer is no doubt that Ambers-Armstrong would draw. Luigi fights Baby Arizmendi, the durable Californian, on the twenty-fourth, and so popular is Lou that there is much talk about the match already. Then there are half a dozen young welterweights, honest hearts and willing hands all, waiting for a crack at the crown Henry took from Barney Ross.

Yes sir, Henry. You better get back here, boy. There's work to be done.

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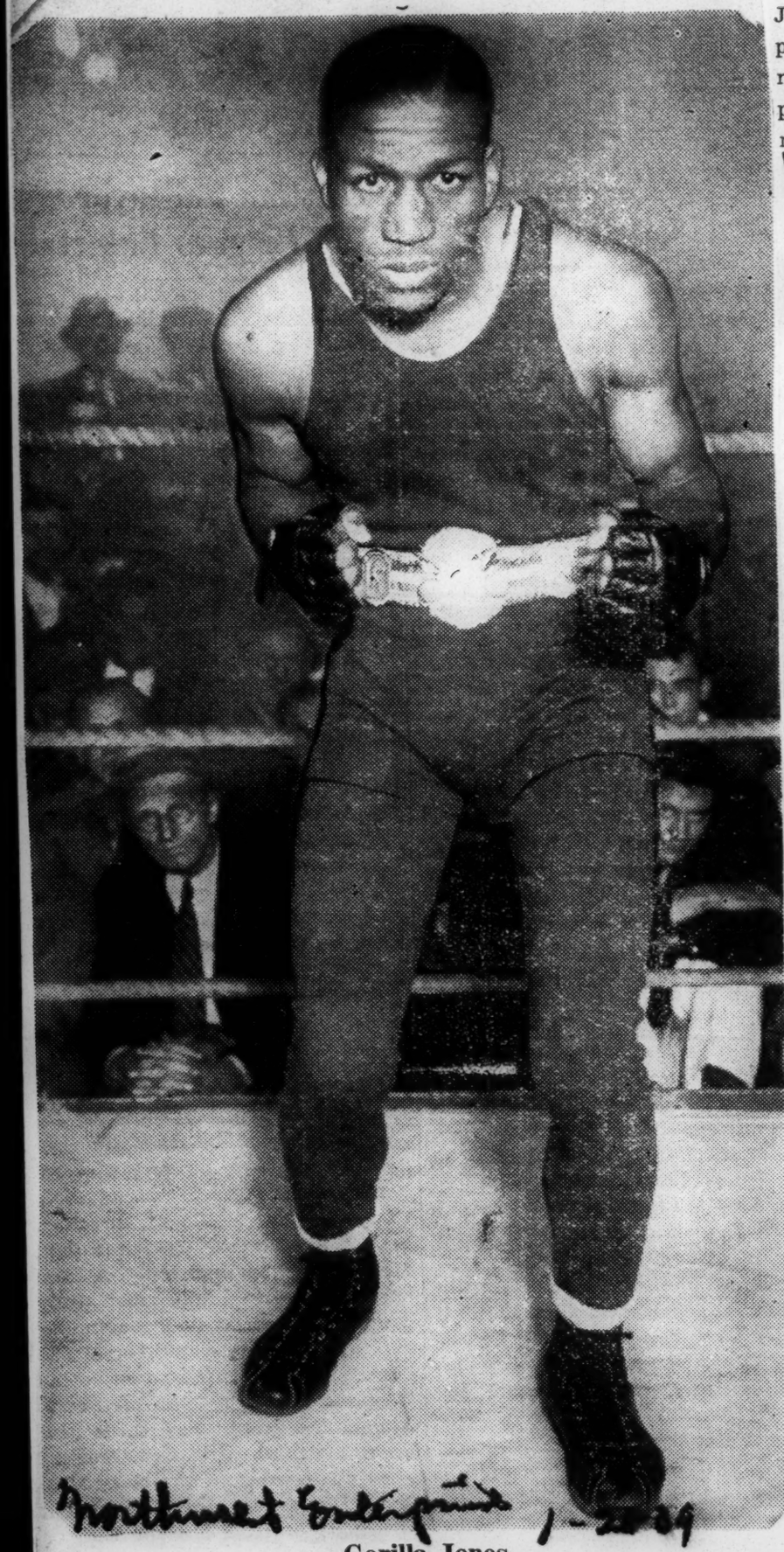

Gorilla Jones

Gorilla Jones, former world's middleweight champion, who will meet Angelo Pugliisi at the Crystal Pool Tuesday, January 16. Pugliisi is a light-heavyweight who has inter-

viewed by Gus West, sports commentator, over the Enterprise's weekly broadcast Thursday night. Jones, who has recently been in pictures, told several interesting narratives and discussed fighters past and present. He had his famous lion, King, with him.

White Magazine Treats Problem Of Sepia Star In Mixed School

Gives Reason for Failure of Race To Raise Proverbial Howl Against Athletes Barred from Contests

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Negroes have "quit protesting" against the refusal of Northern coaches to insist on playing their colored stars against Southern team because coaches let it be known that they might drop Negro players off their teams altogether rather than submit to such "pressure," says an article in the Dec. 20 edition of Ken, the magazine published by Esquire.

Says the article:

"Football contracts for games involving Dixieland universities against northern and western schools that may have Negro players, usually restrict eligibility to members of the Caucasian race. This clause is customarily waived when the southern teams play in in other territories.

"Formerly, protest of Negro organizations against the restriction handicapped colored kids who were were trying to win places on northern teams that had southern games in prospect.

"A Big Ten coach whose team had scheduled a game in the South and a colored kid who starred in the coach's line, were responsible for the discontinuance of the organized Negro complaints against the restriction. The coach, assailed in letters, telegrams and telephone messages from Negroes called in his colored player.

"Have I done everything I can to help you get thru school and to make you a great football player?" the coach asked. The kid acknowledged the coach's help.

"Have the other kids on the team treated you right?" "Every one of them does fine by me" the boy testified.

"And here's what we get for it." The coach displayed a stack of telegrams and letters in which Negro organizations and individuals insisted that the kid be taken outh with the team. "If this keeps up. I'll never again go through the trouble of having a colored boy on a team of mine. The Negroes try to be bossier than the alumni."

"Let me answer a few of these. They're putting you and me both on the spot. The boy sifted the stack and left the room with an assortment of wires and letters. In less than a week the protest had died out.

"News of the incident got to other coaches. That's the inside of how colored kids retained an even chance as northern varsity football candidates."

Although no names are given, it is possible that the "colored kid" was Willis Ward and the coach Harry Kipke then of Michigan.

Is Schmeling After Cash?

German, En Route Here, Wants to Fight Joe Again

NEW YORK— Max Schmeling is coming back for more.

The German heavyweight ex-titleholder, who hit the canvas in the first round of his last bout with Joe Louis, is returning to the United States to prove he is no quitter when a big purse is at stake.

Terming the one-round kayo a "fluke," Schmeling told press correspondents just before sailing from Paris, that he proved his mastry over Louis once, and can do it again.

"I will never quit with that defeat in my record. It isn't the money I care about; I can lick Louis.

"I've been a long time recovering from that back injury Louis gave me," Schmeling told the newspaper boys. "I was in the hospital fourteen days, and I had to take treatments for months. But I am almost well now. All the time since then I have been training and living outdoors."

The "paralyzing punch" Joe sank Max to the canvas with last June, set the German to yelling, "Foul!" at the time. Now he terms it "an accident."

"I had no excuse the last time, no alibi. Joe paralyzed me with a punch to the back, but he's got to land 20 blows to the jaw before he knocks me down."

Louis's Manager Buys 54 Apts..

DETROIT.—John Roxborough, manager of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, has completed negotiations for the purchase of a large 54-apartment building located at 241 E. Forest Avenue, it was reported last week.

The price Roxborough paid for the building is undisclosed. As soon as the decorations are completed, colored tenants will move in. The alterations in the building are expected to be finished early in February. Radford Morris, brother-in-law of Roxborough, has been placed in charge of the building.

The building figured in the news, last year, when occupied by whites and the landlord objected to colored visitors in one of the apartments.

Race Youth Stars On White Team

NEW YORK—John Bailey, star colored guard of the Benjamin Franklin High School's undefeated basketball squad, Saturday led his team to a 28-24 victory over Seward Park High at Madison Square Garden.

Home After A 'Hard' Night's Work; And Now for Some Sleep

MOM JOE MARVA

Champion Joe Louis enjoys a snatch or two of his favorite dish after disposing of John Henry Lewis so unceremoniously as his proud mother and wife look on.

EIGHT LOCAL CLUBS LIST GOLDEN GLOVES BOXERS

Eight local sepia clubs this week sent their list of boxers in for the Globe Democrat Golden Gloves Tournament to be held at the Municipal Auditorium Feb. 13, 14, 15 and 17. The total number of hopefuls from all the clubs is 85. This was only a part of those who will be in the annual mit classic, for many sepia stars were listed to come from out of town.

Slaughter Is Strong

Among the names of local representatives bearing much consideration in the simon-pure ranks are those of Mose Rooks, heavyweight, James Reddick, light-heavyweight, Ted Robinson, middleweight, Art Cooper, lightweight and Leon Haire, featherweight, all of the Slaughter A. C.; Charles Williams, heavyweight, Buddy Green, middleweight, Clarence Jones, welterweight, Arthur Foster, featherweight, all of the Brown Bombers; James Poats, heavyweight, Leroy Bolden, middleweight, and Ora Smith, welterweight, St. Louis Argus; James Weaver, heavyweight, James Howard Moore, middleweight, Milton Jones, welterweight and George O'Kelly, featherweight, Pine Street YMCA; Gen Smith, lightheavyweight, Edward Rogers, middleweight and Robert Sanders, lightweight, Tandy Center; Dave Riley, lightweight, Armstrong A. C.; Sam Ramsey, heavyweight, Adams Center; Lindsey, Compton Center.

Each of these boxers has either won titles or gone far in Golden gloves tournaments.

Besides the boys in the open division, each of the clubs also have abundance of promising novice material. Trainers are Clarence Jones, Armstrong; George Smith, Brown Bombers; Kid Carter, Armstrong; Monroe Harrison, Argus; James Brown, Y; Manuel Champion, Adams; George Foster, Compton; Larry Sphinx, Tandy.

The Slaughter A. C., which won the trophy for the outstanding local team last year under trainer Otis Thomas, is a strong favorite to repeat again this year.

Out-Of-Towners Are Strong

From out of town comes the news that another group of promising sepia boxers will be included among the invaders. Columbia will send an All Negro team; half of the County boxers are colored; 20 boxers from Lincoln Park are entered in the St. Clair County tourney on the East Side; at Cape Girardeau representatives from the Dalta CCC camp are coming through strong, while at Herculaneum, there is a large entree from the Cadet CCC camp. Two sepia glovers are among the champions from Hayti, Mo., Shannon Little, novice lightheavyweight from Blytheville, Ark., and Charlie Kingcade, novice welterweight of Hayti.

ARE NEGRO BOXERS EXPLOITED?

THAT SIX OF THE twelve boxers on the card at Madison Square Garden last Thursday night were Negroes, would seem to indicate that at least the Negro boxer gets a better break in New York City than elsewhere. On the other hand, many of these receive a smaller guarantee than boxers of other races, and usually have to split up their earnings with numerous managers, promoters, trainers, etc. so that while they draw large crowds to the boxing emporiums, their earnings are much smaller than they should be. Recently Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion, made the statement that actually only 30 cents of every dollar he earns reach him. And many other boxers of the race get an even smaller percentage than he.

Such a condition, we believe is due largely to the fact that boxing has become something of a "racket" in the Empire State. In order to work, a colored boxer must pay large commissions to various insiders, even though the rules of the State Athletic Commission forbid this, and he is afraid to protest lest he be placed on the black list of those who control boxing in this state.

The remedy, it seems to us, lies in the need for Negro representation on the boxing board which regulates the sport. There is ample justification for the appointment of a Negro either as a commissioner or deputy commissioner on the State Athletic Commission. Several states, notably Pennsylvania and Illinois have set a precedent by giving to Negroes representation on similar boards. At the present time, four of eight world's titles are held by Negroes, and Joe Louis and Henry Armstrong are the best drawing cards in the game today.

These boxers, and those who come after them, need protection against the exploitation of those who would take advantage of their desire for fame and glory and would leave them with the empty honors of their titles, while they garner in the money.

Negroes need representation on the New York State Boxing Commission and are entitled to it both on the basis of the number of colored boxers now fighting in this state and on their ability to draw the crowds through their fistic prowess.

NEGRO BOXERS STILL AT ODDS OVER MEETING

Ray Likes Eight Cantos, Walker 10, In Bout At Auditorium

Obie Walker, who would fight 10 rounds, and Elmer Ray, who likes eight, were still at odds Monday night as to what distance their bout here Thursday night will be.

Matchmaker Jimmy Erwin, of Gen. Gorgas Post No. 1, American Legion, who puts the two on in one of the double feature bouts at the City Auditorium Thursday night, announced, however that argument, or no, the bout will go, as is customary, only eight rounds.

Cause of the variation in demands for distance resulted from a meeting of Ray and Walker three weeks ago in Florida. In that bout, the pair fought eight rounds to a draw. Now the Georgia Gargantua, whose 235 pounds are surprisingly mobile, wants the tiff here to go 10, and give him time to work to full advantage. Ray, spotting plenty of weight, wishes eight fast rounds, no more, because of his speedier and quickly-tiring style of attack.

No Short-Bout Man

However, Ray is not strictly a short-bout fighter, for he went 12 rounds with John Henry Lewis, the light-heavy champ, and gave that worthy plenty en route. Unless a flip of the coin in the dressing room before the fight decides the distance otherwise, though, the fight will be at eight rounds.

Meanwhile, Buck Everett is here training for his 10-rounder with Clint Moran, young Atlanta Irishman, for the other half of the twin bill. Everett Monday showed the spectators plenty of steam in his punches in a three-round sparring session with Bob Tow, the Birmingham heavyweight who is back here for a visit. Buck looks like he is in great shape and he plans to leave the country in top form for his trip across to South Africa for a series of bouts there.

Erwin is completing his card for the show and figures to have one of his most attractive bills arranged.

Mozelle Ellerbe Returns To Cinderpath; Seeking New Laurels For School

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Candidates for the Tuskegee Institute track and field team started their practice for the Spring and Summer campaigns this week. A squad of more than 45 cinderpathmen reported to Track Coach William O'Shields who will put the candidates through their paces. Coach O'Shields developed Mozelle Ellerbe whose outstanding performance in the American circuit resulted in a trip to Germany with the team that represented the United States on several foreign fronts. Allen Scisco, who won third place in the decathalon at Randall Island, New York, July 15 and 16 will join the squad immediately after the close of the basketball season.

A Tuskegee team will participate in the Penn Relays, which will be held at Franklin Field, the University of Pennsylvania, April 28-29, the Drake Relays, which will take place on the same date, the Prairie View Relays, the Xavier University Relays, the Southern Conference track and field championship, and during the summer will participate in several national meets.

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A. L. Junior High Schools Indoor Track

Times Wide World

FINISH OF 50-YARD FINAL AT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dunn (second from left) of Clark beating Carroll of Douglass in race for seventy-five-pounders at 245th Coast Defense Armory yesterday

Sports of the Time

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

By JOHN KIERAN

Louis and Lewis, Ltd.

IT'S easy to pronounce the name of the winner of the heavyweight championship bout at Madison Square Garden this evening. But it's the spelling that's tricky. Louis and Lewis. They pronounce it alike, but it's spelled differently and there is some difference in the fighters, too.

In mentioning the program as "Louis and Lewis, Ltd.," the English touch refers to the fact that the bout is limited to fifteen rounds. It may stop before that or it may go the limit—and be the limit. That's a chance any ticket-holder takes when he goes out of an evening to witness a contest at fisticuffs. John Henry is a boxer and a fast fellow—or he was a fast fellow at one time—and Shufflin' Joe is not at his best against shifty gents. Even the not-too-artful dodger Tommy Farr gave Shufflin' Joe some trouble at the Yankee Stadium and Bob Pastor, elusive chap, escaped almost without a scratch, although he was breathing hard at the finish. He had to do a bit of running to keep out of harm's way.

For the Defense

It's an odd bout. Shufflin' Joe is the defendant being the current holder of the heavyweight crown. But it's up to the Dark Destroyer to provide the attack. That's what he is noted for. That's why the fans buy tickets when Shufflin' Joe is listed as one of the principal performers. They like to see the hammer blows delivered. They roar when the lightning strikes. It is almost general agreement now that Shufflin' Joe hits harder than any other fighter the modern onlookers have seen, including the old Manassa Mauler, Jack Dempsey.

The report is that Shufflin' Joe has improved his defense. To the fans this is relatively unimportant. As far as the spectators are concerned, the defense tonight will be presented by John Henry. Now, a man may have a forceful defense. Gene Tunney had one. After Gene had been defending himself in the ring for some rounds with an opponent it usually was noted that the other fellow began to take on a rather dilapidated appearance. Some of the Tunney attackers eventually came apart at the seams, so vigorous was Gentleman Gene's defense.

It has been several seasons since this observer last saw John Henry in action. He was fast in those days. He had a fair attack and a really good defense. But, from the record, he never grew to be the fighter that many thought he would be when they first glimpsed him in the ring.

A Veteran in the Game

The difference between the ages of Louis and Lewis is only a week or so, yet John Henry is a veteran and Shufflin' Joe is still a young fellow at the game. John Henry was fighting professionally three years before Shufflin' Joe came out of the Ford factory to find a fortune in the ring.

Shufflin' Joe should be pretty close to his prime now. But those who peer through the ropes from town to town and out across the hinterlands say that John Henry has seen his best days. Perhaps so, but he still may be the best boxer of all the Louis rivals in the heavyweight division. That's the one point in his favor. Schmeling had a punch and put it over in his first fight with the Dark Destroyer. But as far as the onlookers know, John Henry has no punch of that type in his right or left hand.

John Henry is clever for a heavyweight. He isn't faster with his hands than Shufflin' Joe. But he is faster on his feet and, by dodging and weaving and shifting ground, he may be able to confuse Shufflin' Joe. Farr did. Pastor did. In fact, Bob Pastor shifted ground so rapidly that the embarrassed Louis seemed to have lost the trail entirely at times.

Possibly Shufflin' Joe has learned something since then. Maybe Jack Blackburn has taught "Chappie" how to corner those hit-and-run drivers of the ring. If so, John Henry is in for stormy weather.

Lest We Forget

Frankly, Shufflin' Joe looks to be much the better man in this debate, but many fighters who looked much the better men before the battling started came out much the worse for wear when the firing was over.

At Toledo there were kind-hearted citizens who suggested that an ambulance should be backed up to the ring to carry off what was left of that poor young fellow Dempsey, who was going up against the enormous Willard.

When Tunney was picked to face Dempsey he was regarded by most of the citizens of this land as a lamb going to the slaughter. James J. Braddock was to have been made into mincemeat by the Great Big Baer, a most ferocious fellow. Herr Max Schmeling was another forlorn figure in the approach to his first bout with the Dark Destroyer. About the best that anybody could say of Max on the day of the fight was that the condemned man ate a hearty breakfast. But in each of these famous cases the supposed lamb slew the butcher.

Nevertheless

Even so, a bystander might as well stand by his colors and cling to an opinion until he is shown where he is wrong. It is the (possibly mistaken) opinion in this corner that Shufflin' Joe is a better fighter than John Henry and will prove it this evening in Madison Square Garden. Whether or not it will be a good fight depends upon John Henry. He can make it a fight or a pursuit race, or even a wrestling match. It may be better for his health to make it a pursuit race or a wrestling match, but it will be worse for the spectators if he makes such a choice.

But if it is going to be a fight, this observer looks for a short and merry one. If he can bear up under such a heavy handicap, Shufflin' Joe will go into action as the choice of this observer and, for that matter, almost everybody else who has watched him since he first came looming over the pugilistic horizon.

ARMSTRONG PLANS TO BOX MONTANEZ

Welterweight Title Contest With Puerto Rican Sought by Mead, His Manager

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Henry Armstrong, California Negro boxer who holds the world welterweight and lightweight titles, will defend his heavier crown in Madison Square Garden on March 31 under the direction of Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C., if present plans materialize.

Armstrong's opponent will be Pedro Montanez, doughty little Puerto Rican who made a bid for the world lightweight title and was beaten by Lou Ambers before the Herkimer Hurricane lost his 135-pound crown to Armstrong. A lightweight title bout between Armstrong and Ambers is to be held some time in July or August in one of the local ball parks.

Taking No Chances

Eddie Mead, manager of Armstrong, has been here for three days conferring with Jacobs. They are expected to reach an agreement before the end of the week. Mead yesterday said that he wanted Armstrong to defend his 147-pound title before risking his lightweight honors.

The champion's manager doesn't want him to run the risk of losing both titles in one bout. For, despite the fact that the State Athletic Commission might specify that only the 135-pound honors would be at stake in a battle for which that was the maximum weight, Mead has been around the boxing game long enough to realize that he would be taking a long chance in view of the old-fashioned idea that a champion's title in any division is at stake so long as the challenger is at weight. And, Ambers, making 135 pounds, certainly would be within the 147-pound limit.

"I have had three conferences with Promoter Jacobs involving Armstrong's championships, but we haven't reached an agreement," said Mead. "The matter hinges on whether Armstrong will defend his welterweight title first. Al Weill wants a crack at the lightweight title first for Ambers, preferably in an outdoor bout.

"I know that the State Athletic Commission would insist on contracts stating that only the lightweight title would be at stake if Armstrong and Ambers fought at 135 pounds. But there is always the possibility of some difficulty, and I see no reason to expose Armstrong.

"My idea is to have Henry defend his welterweight title first, risking the chance of losing that championship. Then Armstrong would give Ambers the crack at the lightweight title to which he is entitled."

Mead saw no reason to discuss the fact that Armstrong might beat Montanez in a welterweight title match or that Armstrong might duplicate his victory over Ambers.

It is significant, however, that Mead has canceled plans for Armstrong to tour the Eastern seaboard. The fighter now is making an exhibition swing in the Midwest. He had intended extending the tour to the East and wind up at Miami. Instead, the little Californian at the conclusion of his present trip will go to Havana, where he is to engage Bobby Pacho in a twenty-round welterweight title fight on March 6.

Editor Blasts Jim Crow Pages in White Papers

BLUEFIELD, W. Va.—(ANP)—Last week, addressing members of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic association here, on the subject of "Newspaper Cooperation with College Athletics," P. B. Young, Sr., editor of the Norfolk Journal and Guide, let out a verbal blast against the Jim Crow pages now being featured by several Southern white papers.

Editor Young spoke in direct reply to a previous speaker, Milton L. Randolph, editor of the "colored page" of the Richmond, Va., News-Ledger, in which Randolph asked for greater support for the white paper from the various members of the CIAA. Editor Young pointed out that the white papers run a page of news items about Negroes as a circulation builder and to increase the paper's revenue, but they show no interest in the economic, social and educational problems of the Negro.

He declared, "When one considers that these papers, employing only one or two colored people, may by their invasion of the colored newspaper throw out of employment hundreds of reporters, stenographers, bookkeepers and mechanics, he can appreciate just how serious the problem may be."

Of all the divisions, probably the 147-pound and 175-pound classes provided tougher going. James A. Jackson, winning a decision over a boy of the same name, by coincidence, in the semi-finals went into the finals and was checked by Lucius Lockhart for the laurels for the welterweight crown. Among the 175 pounders Turner James came through with a nifty victory over Herbert Caldwell.

The meet was handled by L. S. Gaillard, president of Negro Boys Club, and the various committees functioned well in making the tournament a success.

The winning boys get gold medals and the losers get silver.

Results:

147-Pound Semi-Final

Lucius Lockhart won over Bernard Taylor on decision.

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112-Pound Final

Eason Steele won over Sam Gaston on decision.

126-Pound Final

Timothy Burkett won over Richard Foster on decision.

135-Pound Final

Monroe Johnson won over Henderson Howard on decision.

160-Pound Final

Claude Smith won over Robert John Palmer on decision.

175-Pound Final

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Heavyweight Final

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Borican Tops Cunningham, Venzke In 1,000-Yd. Run

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Special to Journal and Guide

NEWARK, N. J.—John Borican, the first colored runner ever to whip Don Lash, Indiana flash, at 1,000 yards, Monday night achieved another one of his ambitions, that of outstepping Glenn Cunningham, Kansas harrier.

Borican, the athlete-artist, defeated Cunningham in the special 1,000 yard run in the Seton Hall College athletic games, winning the event in 2:14.3 for a new meet record. Gene Venzke, New York veteran, was third.

In turning in his meet record-breaking performance, Borican won his seventh victory of the indoor season out of nine starts, while he is the first runner of any race to outdistance Cunningham in the last 20 races he has competed in.

Defeated in his first attempt at the mile, the former Virginia State College star returned to the boards a few nights later to establish a new world's record in the two-thirds mile, and has been a consistent winner in the 1,000 specialty.

Stepping out with the crack of the gun, Borican faced a fast field including Howie Borck, IC4-A mile champion; Francis Slater, national 1,000 meter title holder; Cunningham and Venzke. He showed spectators that he meant business when he beat down Borck's bid to pass him.

Slater, Fordham star, took the lead over Borican as the runners went into the backstretch of the third lap and held on until the turn into the last lap. By this time, Borck, who had threatened earlier in ther ace, had dropped back to third place and Cunningham put in his famous "kick" in an attempt to nip Borican.

The New Jersey track sensation turned on his famous finishing spurt that always kept him ahead in college competition and went on to win five yards ahead of the flying Kansan.

Borican will enter the National AAU meet to be held this Saturday at Madison Square Garden along with many other stars. In the 1,000 event he will face Ross Bush, Charlie Beetham, Borck, Sanford Goldberg, Lou Burns, and Slater.

NEGRO FISTIC STARS SNATCH STATE TITLES

Lockhart And James Score Impressive Victories In Mitt Tourney

The first annual Alabama Negro amateur boxing championships were closed out last night at Smithfield Auditorium with some first class fistmen emerging as title winners in the event sponsored by The News-Age-Herald in conjunction with Negro Boys Club.

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Raleigh, N. C., News & Observer
February 15, 1939

NEGRO COLLEGE GETS FUNDS FOR GRIDIRON

George W. Coan, Jr., State Works Progress Administrator, announced allocation yesterday of funds for 10 WPA projects to cost $419,954 and work 744 persons.

North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham got $67,325 to construct a gridiron, fences and bleachers and grade and beautify grounds and $217,639 was set up for a statewide project in commodity distribution.

Other projects were: Macon County, recreational facilities, $5,471; Rocky Mount, $29,494 for water mains; Oak City, a gymnasium, $6,314; Whitakers, $4,937 for high school gymnasium; Spruce Pine, $27,447 municipal building; Menola, Hertford County, $5,486 community building; Robeson County, $5,966 for school lunches; and Dare County, $49,375 for sewing rooms.

Birmingham, Ala. Post
February 21, 1939

Track Stars Tune Up For Nationals

Borican Expected To Give Cunningham Trouble In Newark Race

By Leslie Avery
United Press Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—John Borican may give Glenn Cunningham quite a race tonight in the 1000-yard feature of Newark's Seton Hall games, lead-off meet in a week of heavy competition that will be climaxed by the National A. A. U. indoor championships Saturday night.

Cunningham, invincible as ever in the mile,, also is the world indoor record holder for 1000 yards. He set the mark of 2:10.1 four years ago after no special training for the event, so he should be well able to test the mettle of Borican, lanky Elberton, N. J., Negro regarded as the middle-distance find of the year.

The other meets leading up to the nationals include the 369th Infantry meet in New York Wednesday night, the Columbia - Penn - Princeton triangle meet in Philadelphia Wednesday afternoon, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars meet in Boston.

Wolcott In Hurdles

Five contenders entered for national honors appear almost certain of emerging victorious. Cunningham proved again last Saturday night in the N. Y. A. C. games that there isn't anyone who can give him a race in the mile. Borican took the half-mile event for his seventh win in nine starts this Winter. Glenn looks like a cinch to win the national 1500-meter title, and Borican the 1000-meter crown.

They are in the same class with Don Lash at 5000 meters, Herbert Thompson in the 60-meter sprint, and Fordham's quartet of speedsters in the 1600-meter relay.

Before the N. Y. A. C. games Roy Staley of Southern California looked like the goods to take the hurdles title, but, suffering an injured thigh, he was nipped by Larry O'Connor of Canada in the world record tying time of 7.2. In addition this pair will have to beat Freddy Wolcott, the hurdle sensation from Rice Institute, who will be making his first start on the boards. Wolcott, national outdoor champion, is unbeaten in his specialty.

Tuskegee Star Enters

A. A. U. Secretary Dan Ferris announced another top-flight competitor had entered in Bill Watson, the big University of Michigan Negro, who will shoot for the broad jump and shot put titles. Watson has done nearly 25 feet in the jumping pit, and is pushing 53 feet with the 16 pound shot.

Mozel Ellerbee, Negro star from Tuskegee Institute, will make his indoor debut in the 60-meter sprint. Ellerbee is N. C. A. A. 100-yard champion and if he takes to the boards should give Thompson a good run. Ben Johnson of New York, holder of the 60-yard title, has not entered the nationals yet.

Columbia, S. C. State
February 12, 1939

Bill Fritz Wins Indoor Track Race

Boston, Feb. 11—(AP)—Bill Fritz of Queens university, the Canadian quarter-mile champion, tonight gained his first American indoor track triumph by edging out Harold Cagle, of Oklahoma Baptist university by inches in the Hollis "600," one of the features oft he Boston Athletic association's golden anniversary meet at the Boston Garden.

An overflow crowd of 16,000, which hoped to witness a record-smashing effort by the hand-picked field, was disappointed when Cagle, who competed last oight in the Seventh regiment games in New York, refrained from challenging the Canadian star until well into the home stretch.

Fritz, second to Wes Wallace of Fordham in last week's Millrose "600," led from the gun and finished in 1:12.8. Dick Gill of the B. A. A., overtook Wallace with his last stride to place third and Jim Herbert of New York university, the 1:11.1 record-holder and 1938 Hollis winner, was a dismal fifth and last.

Roy Staley of Los Angeles, who set a new world mark of 7.3 seconds for the 60-yard high hurdles last week, won the B. A. A.'s freakish 45-yard tall timber event in the record-equalling time of 5.7 seconds. That Southern Californian star appeared to have plenty left when he broke the tape, a good two yards ahead of Allan Tolmich of Detroit, who win in that same time last year.

Herbert Thompson, Jersey City Negro flash, ahd a foot to spare on the fast-finishing Ken Clapp of Brown, in the Briggs 50-yard dash final, which was raced in 5.5 seconds. Capt. Frank Zeimetz of Boston college, was the third finisher, trailed by Ed Burlingame, of Albany, N. Y., recent Yale star.

John Borican, the Negro national pentathlon titlist from Elberon, N. J., romped to victory in the Lapham "1,000" after setting a comparatively slow pace most of the way. He broke the tape in 2:13.3 and had two yards to spare on Howard Borck of New York. Two oft he antion's outstanding freshmen, Leslie McMitchell of New York university and Campbell Kane of Indiana, finished third and fourth, ahead of Ross Bush of Los Angeles.

Montgomery, Ala., Advertiser
February 19, 1939

Jones Leads Scorers On Tuskegee Team

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., Feb. 18.—(AP)—Lloyd Jones, Chillicothe, Ohio, right forward on the Tuskegee basketball team, in 16 games this season, has scored 145 points. Arthur Dickens, Montrose, Ark., guard, has a total of 92 points in 16 games.

The Tuskegee Golden Quint has a total of 539 points in 16 conference games. Opponents have made 528 points.

INVITE EWELL TO RUN AGAINST MAHER AGAIN

Barney Ewell, the Negro track ace who wears the colors of Penn State College, will be invited to match strides against Johnny Maher, the Villanova sprinter, and Ed. Junghans, of the University of Pennsylvania, at a meet to be held at Convention Hall, Saturday, April 1, it was announced yesterday by officials of the WPA Educational-Recreation program, who are sponsoring the event.

Amazed at Ewell's record-breaking burst of speed in the Penn A. C. 50-yard dash two weeks ago when he hung up a new world mark for the distance by turning in a 5.1 second performance, the WPA authorities are anxious to rematch him against Maher and Junghans. Maher's performance in the Penn A. C. race also set a new record for the 50-yard sprint, but he finished a shade behind the flashy Barney.

Penn's Junghans qualified for the final event but injured himself crossing the tape and withdrew from the run-off. With the Red and Blue freshman in peak physical condition WPA officials are certain that the special invitation event will write track history, as the three outstanding sprinters seek to duplicate past feats and accomplish new ones.

The WPA meet, sanctioned by the Middle Atlantic A. A. U., will be run in the afternoon and evening. The afternoon schedule will be devoted to recreation centers, boys clubs and interscholastic athletes. In these brackets many promising Negro track stars are expected to annex junior titles in various events. Among the clubs invited to participate are Benezet, Haddington, McCoach, Wilmot and Seger.

The championship Middle Atlantic A. A. U. race will be one of the evening features. In addition there will be a novice 600-yard run, a special 220-yard dash and several special relay races with batons carried by Pennsylvania State Teacher Colleges representatives, National Guardsmen and unattached trackmen.

Colored Stars Take Seven First Places In New Jersey Indoor Track Championships

Bill Skipworth Takes 60-Yard Dash In 6.5 As Bristow Wins Hurdles In 8.2: Schoolboys Brilliant

TRENTON, N. J.—Colored track stars throughout the State of New Jersey, romped off with seven first and six second places in the Bickett Scholarship Track Meet held in Trenton last week.

Trenton High School, led by Captain Bob Baker, took the Governor's Cup and the South Jersey Championship, with a total of nineteen points. Baker, who was ousted from the sixty-yard dash for two false starts, returned to run in the 220-yard dash and won in the good time of 24.5 seconds. Mahlon Thomas, a teammate of Baker, succeeded in capturing the 60-yard dash in 6.5 seconds.

With Lawrence Falwell running the anchor leg, Trenton High School took the South Jersey mile relay. Johnny Jones, Woodbury ace, broke the State high jump record but finished second to Alexander of Collingswood, who cleared the bar at 6 feet 2 inches. Jones, however, placed second in the 220-yard dash a short time afterwards.

Bill Skipworth, Princeton's one man track team, won the Central Jersey 60-yard dash in the magnificent time of 6.5 seconds and anchored his team to a second in the mile relay. Harvey Gallie, of Trenton, placed second in the Central Jersey 60.

Joe Bristow, sepia star from Long Branch, won the 60-yard high hurdles in the time of 8.2 seconds, followed by Bob Wright and Morris Thomas, both colored. Bristow, as anchor man in the Long Branch Central Jersey mile relay, brought his team to victory in that event.

Junior High Meet

Lincoln Junior High School, an all colored school in Trenton, N. J., placed second in the Junior High School track meet with twenty-three points. Junior Four won with thirty-five points.

In the elementary meet, consisting of two events, Parker School, with four colored track stars copped a first in the 200-yard relay in the time of 44.6 seconds.

Ellerbe to Make 1939 Track Debut

NEW YORK — Mozelle Ellerbe, Tuskegee University's contribution to cinder fame, will make his first major track appearance of the year at the national track and field championships, February 25, at Madison Square Garden.

Ellerbe, winner of the 100-yard dash at the National Collegiate A.A. meets last June, clocked 0:09.7 for the century, and took third place in the 100-meter dash, at the National A.A.U. championships in July.

A big, powerful runner, he is expected to give Herbert Thompson, Perrin Walker, white, and other indoor dash stars, some trouble.

John Borican of the Shore A.C. of New Jersey is listed as an entrant in the 1000-yard run.

13th Relays At Tuskegee On May 12th

College Announces Other Athletic Events On Campus - 26-39

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Tuskegee's 13th Annual Relay Carnival will be held in the Alumni Bowl at the Institute, Saturday, May 13, it was announced today by Cleve L. Abbott, Manager of the Relays. On Friday, May 12, the 11th Annual Junior and Senior Women's Track and Field Championships will be held at the Institute.

The 12th Annual Southern Inter-Collegiate Tennis Tournament and the 3rd Annual National Inter-Scholastic Tennis Tournament will be held on the Championship Courts of the Institute, May 12 and 13. The events scheduled for the inter-cellegiate tennis men and women and men's and women's singles and doubles. The inter-scholastic tennis events are boys' singles and doubles and girls' singles and doubles.

The Second Annual Inter-Collegiate Golf Championships for men and women will be held on the beautiful 9 hole golf course at the Institute, May 12 and 13. The medalist last year was Alfred Holmes, Tuskegee senior. Holmes will defend his championship. Morehouse College, last year's winner of the team championship, will defend its title.

Among the institutions that will send representatives are: State Teachers College, Talladega College, Fisk University, LeMoyne College, Lane College Prairie View State College, Wiley College, Langston University, Knoxville College, South Carolina State College, Benedict College, Southern University, Dillard University, Morehouse College, Clark University, Morris Brown College, Florida A. and M. College, Xavier University, Jackson College Lincoln University, Howard University and Wilberforce University.

These events will bring to the Institute about 300 athletes from the various colleges and universities.

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By E. B. REA

OLD KING FOOTBALL CONTINUES TO HANG around in spite of the lateness of the season. Here and there is a post season game, or reverberations from the past season. The latest coming to this desk being over the recent selection of an All-State interscholastic football team for 1938.

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Since the release of this particular team, many comments have been made to the coaches of the Booker T. Washington high school about the method and fairness of selection.

Below is a state from Van Buren Luke, Jr., head coach at Booker T., and whose Fighting Bookers finished in a three-way tie for the championship of the Virginia State High School Conference:

"The selection of an All-State team at the best is a very difficult task, even with sufficient judges or officials to select the players. One thing is noticeable, in nearly every case the committee attempts to be fair, and the selections are marked by men who see the players, or get reports from the games of the season.

"This season, so far as I know, there has been very little fairness in the selections, not only as far as my team is concerned, but for the entire eastern section of Virginia. I take this stand because neither of the members of the committee reside, coach or officiate in this section, and it would have been easier for them to select a western team in preference to an All-State team.

"Then, too, any All-State team, first or second, would hardly have several players from the same third rate team, when players of championship elevens are usually chosen on the first team at any rate. This, of course, might be a slight exaggeration, but my point is, that, some players on fair teams make these select squads because of play against first rate teams, and I question some of the names on the present squad from the standpoint of experience, outstanding play, or value to the team.

"An attempt was made at the regular meeting of our conference to select an All-State team, but very little could be expected from such a selection. For one thing, the coaches were not informed beforehand of the selection, and I wonder how a coach feels placing five of his players down as candidates for the All-Star team?

"Personally, I would rather see newspaper men, officials, or selected representatives chosen to appoint a select team of football players, for most assuredly a coach is too busy with his own problems to admire the rival teams technique, or thirty players.

"I feel quite certain that many players who could make anybody's All-State team have been omitted. One notable example, a player who has scored an average of nine points per game as an offensive back, passes, place-kicks, and was the sparkplug of an undefeated, untied, and unscored on team.

"I could name a lineman who has been in every play of team's this season, and who refused to yield one yard per game all season, and this same lineman because of his downfield blocking won the admiration of a Virginia State coach.

"I wish to congratulate the members, however, for the attempt."

ERNEST "HIPPS" BROWN WHO DASHES OUT sports chatter for the St. Louis Call, where John Henry Lewis ascended to the light heavyweight throne in 1935 by whipping Bob Olin, and where he has fought many winning battles, says don't underrate J. H.

Says Brown: "The time draws near for the meeting between John Henry Lewis and Joe Louis for the heavyweight championship of the world and as before we are sticking with John Henry Lewis.

"John Henry will have plenty to gain by this fight, one which he has been trying to get for the past 18 months.

"If he is able to eke out a victory and win the championship he will be in a position to earn some of the 'big dough' which heretofore has been denied him as light-heavyweight.

"Many give the fight to Joe Louis before the two men enter the ring but don't forget to look at John Henry's record before you put your money on the line."

-- **ALLEN "BIG FISH" WILSON OF CAMPOSTELLA,** who is a student at St. Paul's School, Lawrenceville, was home for the Christmas holidays. While here he let it be known that the St. Paul's high school basketball team was something to be reckoned with.

The history of the team for the past three years shows that it won the Southside Interscholastic tournament twice, went to the finals once, went to the State High School tournament twice, but declined the third invitation.

The team, according to "Big Fish," has won more than thirty consecutive games, and won the first three games of the 1938-39 season by one-sided scores. He issued a challenge to Norfolk's teams by saying "this team would give the Norfolk Unit and the Kappas a neat licking everytime they take the floor."

Well, that's saying a whole lot, and the Norfolk boys ought to call Mr. Wilson's hand, and show him just what they think about his statement.

ALL OF NORFOLK RALLIED TO THE RECENTLY played "Biggie" White Memorial Game held Christmas Day at Bain Field.

The game proved a financial success as quite a few dollars were realized, which the sponsors said would be used to place a marker on the grave of the late coach, who

practically made Norfolk football-minded. The marker is scheduled to be unveiled early next month.

First reports stated that the participants, like local newspapers, had donated their services gratis, but latest developments reveal that there is quite a bit of dissension among those who promoted the affair, and that there is a heavy demand for additional "cuts" in the receipts.

Since the public was so generous in subscribing to the affair, it seems as though the spirit of the thing could be carried out without leaving folk under the impression that it was a "racket" game, and not a memorial to a great athletic figure.

JOE READY NOW TO MEET 'ALL COMERS'

Will Take On Lou Nova, Tony Galento or Max Baer, Champion Tells Courier in Dressing Room.

By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU

DRESSING ROOM, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, Jan. 25—"I am ready for all comers," Joe Louis said tonight at the end of his sensational one-round battle with John Henry Lewis. He said he would take on Lou Nova, Tony Galento and Max Baer whenever Promoter Mike Jacobs lined them up. The champion was unscratched as he posed for newsreel pictures with his managers and trainers.

LIGHT-HEAVY CHAMP HAILED AS GAMEST FOE OF THE BOMBER

By EDGAR T. ROUZEAU
Staff Correspondent

DRESSING ROOM, MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, Jan. 25—"My one regret is that Referee Arthur Donovan stopped the fight before the round was over. Joe hit me hard, but I was conscious of what I was doing all the time."

John Henry Lewis, probably the gamest challenger to ever don a glove against Joe Louis, summed up his defeat tonight in the above words.

He said he would like to have another shot at the current heavyweight champion.

Gus Greenlee, manager of John Henry Lewis, differed somewhat with his protege over the abrupt ending of tonight's bout.

"Yes, it was apparent that John was [illegible] he said, "I think therefore that Donovan did the right thing."

John, it was disclosed, entered the ring with no particular plan of action. He said he was attempting to get close enough to try for a knockout punch when Joe Louis tagged him.

Trainer Larry Amadee was of the opinion that John Henry Lewis had too much guts to last the limit in this fight." "John started out boxing beautifully," said Larry "In trying to find an opening for his right he left himself exposed. I don't believe Joe Louis could knock him out again in 15 rounds."

Great Jake Ruppert

Colonel Jacob Ruppert, white, owner of the mighty Yankee American League club, was regarded generally as one of the great moguls in the baseball world.

But Ruppert wasn't a great man in the true sense of that term.

With money, prestige and almost unlimited power, he could have put on his baseball team one or two colored baseball players and thus revolutionized the whole unsportsmanlike attitude of professional baseball.

But he lacked the essential courage.

America suffers because a lot of so-called great men, who are looked upon as giants, become chicken-hearted when they face color prejudice.

Joe Afraid of Growing Too Rusty

Wants As Many Fights As Jacobs Can Dig Up

NEW YORK—Bring 'em on is the battle cry of favored son of fistiana, Joe Louis.

Having already defended his heavyweight laurels four times in less than two years, the man who, shortly after winning the crown in 1937, predicted that he would be the busiest champion in ring history is living up to his predictions.

Overlooking his fifth title defense Wednesday night against John Henry Lewis, seemingly confident that he would have another scalp hanging to his belt, the current heavyweight champion looked for other worlds to conquer.

Since winning his title, Joe has successfully turned back four challengers with only one being able to answer the final bell, all others going out before the halfway mark.

NO PREFERENCE

"Bring 'em on," says Joe, as he sits and frets over the idea of having to get rusty because of the lack of suitable competition. All comers, any place, and any price is the champion's decree.

Talk of Tony Galento, Max Baer, Lou Nova, Tommy Farr and Bob Pastor doesn't mean a thing to Louis. What he wants is action.

According to ring gossip, Joe will get another crack at fleet-footed Bob Pastor on March 31, then Galento at the Yankee Stadium or Polo Grounds in June or July. The winner of the Lou Nova-Max Baer elimination is also invited into the champ's parlor.

And that's not all, Louis is ready to jump at the biddings of Promoter Mike Jacobs, and would like to get a crack at two good heavyweights in 1939 at the New York World's Fair.

Kegee Under Men to National Meets

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —A squad of more than 45 cinderpathmen reported to track coach William O'Shields this week.

Allen Tolliver, who won third place in the decathalon at Randay Island, New York, July 15 and 16, will join the squad immediately after the close of the basketball season.

Tuskegee team will have representatives in the Penn Relays, April 28-29, the Drake Relays on the same date, the Prairie View Relays, the Xavier University Relays, the Southern Conference track and field championships, and during the summer, will participate in several national meets.

HERBERT IN 396TH

NEW YORK—Jimmy Herbert, New York University's 600-meter champion, will head the list of entrants for the Beaver-Ramapo 300-yard special invitation race at the 369th Regiment—Boys of Yesteryear A. A. U. track meet at the 369th Armory, Wednesday evening.

PLAN BASKETBALL WORLD SERIES IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Mar. 2 (ANP).—The New York Renaissance and the Harlem Globe Trotters basketball teams have been invited to compete, along with several leading white professional teams, in a $10,000 basketball world's series to be played here March 26. 27 and 28, it was announced last week by Harry Hannin and Harry Wilson, co-sponsors.

Lewis Receives $10,000 Surety for Clark Bout

DETROIT.—John Henry Lewis, light-heavyweight champion in all States but New York, will receive a guarantee of $10,000, or an option of 35 per cent of the gate receipts for his March 31 title bout against Dave Clark, former Golden Gloves middleweight champion, to be held here.

Clark, who will be fighting in his hometown, is conceded to be a clever and speedy boxer, but so far he has not demonstrated a kayo punch that should cause John Henry any worry.

Clark, scheduled to go fifteen rounds against John Henry, is one of the top-notch boxers in Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis's stable, and the Clark-Lewis match is said to have been brought about through the efforts of John Roxborough, one of Louis's managers.

Sidat-Singh Plays Against Army Quint

WEST POINT, N.Y. — Unlike the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, which prevented him from playing with his teammates, the United States Military Academy here played against Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, Syracuse star, as the Orange defeated the Army in a basketball match before 1200 persons, Wednesday night.

Sidat-Singh was the high scorer. Among the spectators was Cadet James D. Fowler of Washington, D.C., now in his second year.

SOME OF THE STARS SLATED TO COMPETE IN NEW YORK A. C. TRACK MEET

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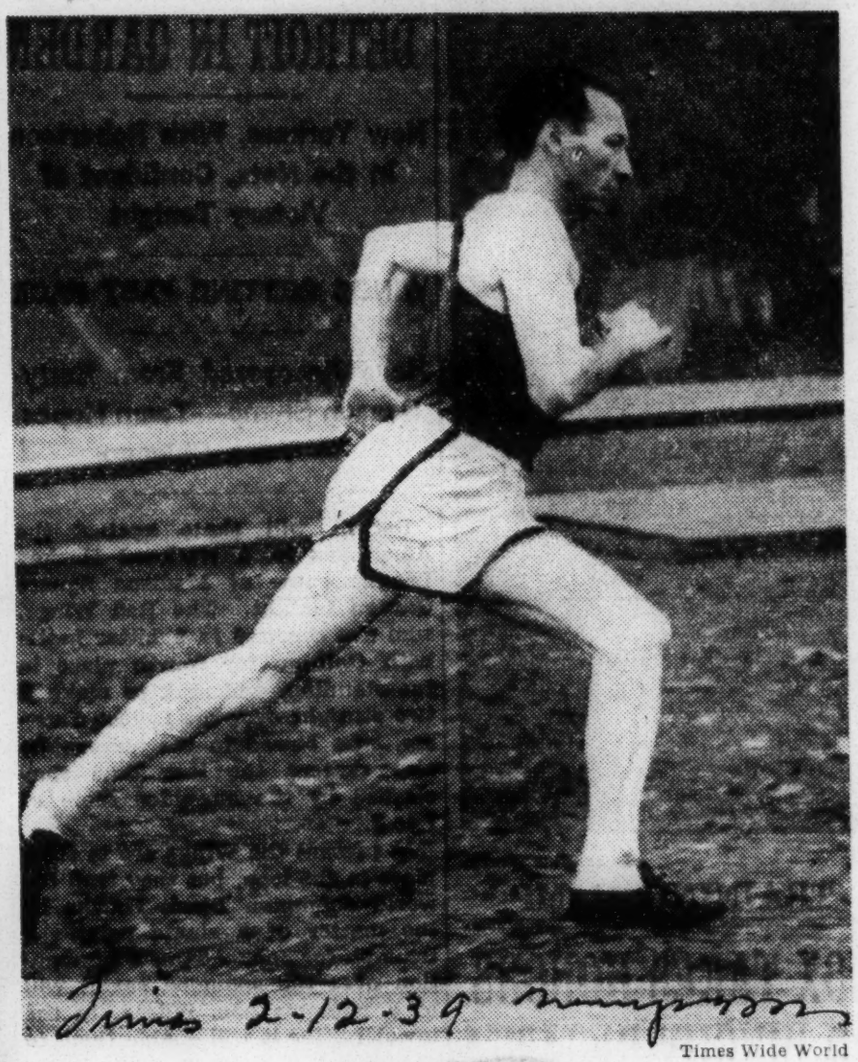

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Ben Johnson

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Jim Herbert, N. Y. U.'s relay and 600-yard star.

TONY GALENTO HAS FANS FAR FROM SETTLED

Fight Faithfuls Wonder How Good Or How Bad He Is As Battler

BY GAYLE TALBOT

MIAMI BEACH, Fla.—(AP)—The most amazing thing I've run into on this trip is the tremendous popular interest in Tony Galento. If one person has asked me "Can that bum really fight?" there have been a hundred.

It amazed me particularly because around New York we had about decided that the country as a whole was fed up on reading about the Orange fat boy. The series of odorous fights he had engaged in this Winter, climaxed by the Natie Brown affair in Detroit, had caused us to decide on a virtual Galento moratorium until Tony fought a real fighter.

But it's not true. Through six or seven states the conversation almost invariably has come around to this: "So, you've seen this Tony Galento fight? Can he fight, or is he just a joke, like some of the fellows make out? Has he got a chance of whipping Joe Louis?"

I'll be doggoned if I know how good a fighter Galento is.

Tony is a good friend of mine. In fact, we were out on the hot beach together today arguing about whether he has a chance of beating Joe Louis.

I told him about the number of persons who were interested in his fighting ability. That didn't surprise him. I asked him for once to get serious and not give me that same line about I'll knock out dat bum.

"All right," he consented. "I'll tell you serious. I can take anything Joe Louis can hit me in that stomach. I got muscles in that stomach from when I was an iceman and I used to go runnin' up two flights of steps with two 50-pound chunks of ice held up in my arms. Louis can't hurt me there. All I can say about him knockin' me out is that I never been knocked off my feet yet, much less knocked out.

"Now, you tell me whether Joe Louis can take this left of mine when I sink it in his belly like this. I say Louis is afraid of me, and I'll knock him out if they give me that fight next June."

Having got a fairly serious answer from Tony, I asked his manager, Joe Jacobs, to tell me what he honestly thought, and not to kid an old playmate. Agreeing, for the sake of argument, that Louis might not be able to knock Tony kicking, I asked wasn't he afraid the big Negro would step around and open up a hundred old cuts in Tony's face and have him bleeding like a stuck hog within a few rounds.

"Sure," Joe agreed, surprisingly. "He might do it. But that's a chance we have to take. Personally, I think Tony would make him quit before that happened. I still say Louis can't take it, and I was in the other corner one night when he didn't take it, you know."

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February 12, 1939

Morris Brown and Clark In Title Game Monday

Morris Brown College and Clark University, traditional rivals, will fight it out on the Sunset casino court at 8 o'clock Monday night to decide the city championship of Atlanta on the hardwoods. Three major institutions here have seen plenty of action this winter with Morehouse being practically eliminated from the city championship by virtue of two defeats by Clark and one by Morris Brown. The game Monday night will decide just which team in Atlanta is the best.

STATE NEGRO RING TOURNEY HAS 50 BOUTS

2-23-39

Huge Field Opens Three-Day Meet At Smithfield Auditorium

News

Setting what must be a one-ring record by having scheduled and disposing of 50 matches in a single night the first annual Alabama amateur Negro boxing tournament sponsored by The News-Age-Herald in conjunction with Negro Boys Club, got under way last night at Smithfield Auditorium. The second session of milling, due to open at 7 o'clock tonight, will have nearly as many matches on the card as the huge field continues the weeding out process to the finals tomorrow night.

Headed by L. S. Gaillard, president of Negro Boys Club, the committees in charge of the event qualified the list of more than 100 ringsters and sent the tournament through the first round last night in highly efficient style.

Knockouts were frequent and a number of forfeitures made it possible to reel off the huge list of bouts. Bob's Little Savoy Cafe announced a chicken dinner for all first round knockouts and he had to dish out plenty of them. There were some 13 or more first-round kayos.

Good Battles

There were some corking good battles. One of the greatest of the night was waged between Bernard Taylor and James Humes with Taylor winning a close verdict. Richard outpointed John Henry Lumpkin in another feature match. Probably, the most sensational slugging bout of the night was between Claude Smith and Ellis Rudolph with each boy at different times appearing certain to get kayoed. It took a conference of judges to decide the verdict in favor of Smith. Claude Jemison showed some great slugging in outpointing Julius Brown. One of the hardest hitters in the field is a 126-pounder. Henderson Howard, who batted out Leslie Colvins in the first round.

The winners are to get big gold medals and the runners-up in each division will get silver medals. A. G. Gaston, of Smith & Gaston, is donating a complete boxing outfit for the boy adjudged the best sportsman.

William J. Moore, who serves as matchmaker, has his lineup of second and third round bouts set for tonight with 41 on the slate, he announced this morning.

Referees for the bouts were Oilver Lee and Luther Irwin. The judges were R. C. Jonnson and H. C. Clayborne. Timeskeeper was C. E. Johnson and scorekeeper, C. W. Askew. The examining physicans were Drs. M. G. McCall, H. C. Bryant, E. H. Ballard and S. E. Hutchinson while the chief trainer was Robert Gordon.

112-Pound Class

Eason Steele decisioned Garliest May.
William Streeter decisioned Walter Stutson.

118-Pound Class

Joseph Hawkins defeated John Edwards.
Frank Taylor defeated Jim Ward, technical k. o., first round.
Robert Watkins won by forfeiture from Leroy Haynes.

126-Pound Class

Clarence Adams knocked out Levy Pippins, first round.
Edward Stewart outpointed Robert Phair.
Richard Foster decisioned John Henry Lumpkin.
Lanzelle Clark knocked out Charlie Thomas, first round.
Herbert Crawford defeated Walter Lee Wilson, technical k. o., second round.
Arthur Pruitt won by forfeiture over Lawrence Gray.
Timothy Burkett won over Ben Boland, technical k. o., first round.
John Henry McKinney outpointed Willie James Jones.
Alex Sims won on forfeiture from Charles Burkett.
Monroe Johnson knocked out Johnnie Vansant, second round.
Lovell Williams knocked out Theodore Nicks, first round.
Henderson Howard knocked out Leslie Colvins, first round.
Willie James Hall knocked out Johnnie Crow, second round.
Henderson Silas won over Tom Pitts, technical k. o., first round.

147-Pound Class

Bernard Taylor outpointed James Humes.
Abe Jackson knocked out Frank Johnson, first round.
Lucius Lockhart won on forfeiture from Jettine Cleamon.
Robert Ford won on forfeiture from Tucker Young.
Ernest Daniel outpointed Cooper McCoy.
Doyle Martin defeated Charlie Money.
Frank Bishop knocked out John Tolbert, second round.
Calvin Clark won on forfeiture from Willie Christian.
James Jackson knocked out Charles Hunter, first round.
Eddie Conley won on forfeiture from Norah Patterson.
James Jackson knocked out George Bizzell, first round.
Isom Morgan won over Jimmie Rutledge, technical k. o., first round.
Eugene Burk knocked out Raymond Smith, second round.

160-Pound Class

James Burk knocked out Sonny Lawrence, second round.
Claude Smith decisioned Ellis Rudolph.
Claude Jemison outpointed Julius Brown.
James Hill won by forfeiture over Arthur Everett.
Robert John Palmer won by forfeiture over Emanuel Carter.
Harry Toney won by forfeiture over James Matthews.
Mickey Wills won by forfeiture over Josephus Dunnigan.
Arlie Brantley knocked out Joe Tyson, first round.

175-Pound Class

Reuben Brooks decisioned Archie Thomas.
Herbert Caldwell outpointed Elbert Lindsay.
Willie Waters knocked out Johnnie McWilliams, first round.
John Henry Peterson defeated Ernest Arnold.
Turner James knocked out William Conley, second round.
Willie Barron won by forfeiture from Jerry Williams.
Robert Curry won by forfeiture over John Smith.

Heavyweight

Edward Palmer won by forfeiture over John Prince.

Negro Athletes In A. A. U. Meet

Age 3-4-39

Broad Jump

Won by Ed Gordon, Grand St. Boys, 23 feet 10 1-8 inches. William Watson, Univ. of Michigan, third, 23 feet 4 1-2 inches. Clarence Lewis, unattached, sixth. David Lawyer, N. Y. U., seventh. Dunbar Young, Rhode Island State College, ninth. Fabian Francis, N. Y. U., tenth.

16 Pound Shot Put

William Watson, Univ. of Michigan, fourth, 49 feet 5 7-8 inches. Lilburn Williams, Xavier University, fifth, 49 feet 4 inches.

1,000 Meters Run

Won by John Borican, Shore A. C. Time—2:28.6.

60 Meters Dash

Won by Herbert Thompson, unattached. Ben Johnson, Grand St. Boys, second. Eulace Peacock, Shore A. C. third. Time—06:6. (Equals world's record.)

Mozel Ellerbee, Tuskegee, won his trial heat in 06:8 but failed to qualify in the semi-final. Dunbar Young, R I. State College, failed to qualify in trial heat. David Lawyer, N. Y. U., failed to qualify in trial heat. Thomas Flagg Montclair Teachers College, failed to qualify in trial heat.

65 Meters High Hurdles

Edward Dugger, Tufts College, fourth. Gilder Farrow Xavier University, failed to qualify in trial heat.

1600 Meters Relay

New York University, third, with Curtis Giddings running second leg and James Herbert running anchor.

High Jump

Won by Mel Walker, unattached, 6 feet 8 inches. Lloyd Thompson, Xavier University, fourth, 6 feet 4 inches.

Stanley Simons, Wayne University; Joshua Williamson Xavier University; David Albritton, Cleveland Cedar Y. M. C. A., and Juan Luyunda, Lincoln University, all cleared 6 feet 3 inches.

600 Meters Run

Robert Dixon, Rhode Island State College, failed to qualify in afternoon trials.

1,000 Meters Medley Relay

Won by N. Y. U. (Team A) with Jim Herbert running first leg of 400 meters. N. Y. U. (Team B) third, with George Hagans running anchor leg of 300 meters. Time 2:05.

Records Tied

Broken,

By JOHN CAUTION

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—Not satisfied with breaking the Knights of Columbus one thousand yard record which had stood for 11 years, John Borican, former Virginia State track star, and member of the United States track team which invaded Europe last summer, came through Saturday night to smack over the Millrose two-thirds of a mile mark which had stood for 16 years.

Borican, running for the Shore A. C., of Elberton, N. J., covered the distance in 2:39. The old record was 2:43.6 set by James J. Connolly of Georgetown university in 1923.

James Herbert, New York university, finished third in the Millrose "600." Herbert won the event in 1937 and 1938 and was looked upon to cop Saturday in a fight with Harold Cagle, white, Oklahoma Baptist college. Herbert was seven yards behind the winner and Cagle pulled up last.

Thompson Wins 60-Yard Dash

Herbert Thompson, Pioneer Athletic club of Harlem, equalled the accepted world's record in the 60-yard dash final. The time was 6.1 seconds. Ben Johnson was shut out in the semi-finals. Ben created the present mark last year along with Perrin Walker, white, Oglethorpe university of Georgia. Johnson, however, has made the distance in 6 seconds flat but the record has not been accepted although the Metropolitan A. A. U. officials are making every effort to get it in the record books.

Norwood Ewell, Penn State freshman, was second and Kenneth Clapp, white, of Brown university, was third.

Eulace Peacock, former star of Temple university, was last in the finals of the 60-yard event. Peacock was down as representing the Shore A. C. of Elberton, N. J.

Mel Walker, former Ohio State high jumper, won the high jump with 6 feet 7⅜ inches. Dave Albritton, Cedar Avenue Y.M.C.A., of Cleveland, and former teammate of Walker's, was second.

John Woodruff, University of Pittsburgh half miler and 800 meters Olympic champion, can't get used to the indoor tracks. He was second to Francis Slater, white, of Fordham university, in the 880-yard run.

Louis Demands Four Title Bouts This Year; Jacobs's Problem Is to Find Suitable Rivals

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Joe Louis will fight four times in defense of his world heavyweight title this year if his demands are met by Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C., to whom the champion is under exclusive contract.

The Detroit Bomber wants two of these battles in the open air, one in June and another in September. He also wants to have two indoor engagements, of which the encounter against John Henry Lewis Wednesday night in Madison Square Garden will be the first.

The battlegrounds are left entirely in the discretion of Promoter Jacobs. Accordingly, economic conditions will govern this important detail. And while it is supposed that both outdoor fights will be held in New York's baseball parks on the reasonable theory that with a World's Fair coming along New York will be the location holding out the most reliable guarantees of success, there is yet the likelihood that the metropolis will lose one of the attractions.

Serious efforts are being made by Philadelphia interests to snare one of the heavyweight title bouts. Chicago would like another championship match. Detroit wants one, indoor or outdoor, preferably the latter. They will be compelled to bid against the rosy prospects promised by the world's customary sport center, with the World's Fair influx proving the deciding influence in the matter of disappointment in one direction and satisfaction in the other.

These plans were outlined yesterday by Jacobs as he considered a situation which he admits offers something of a dilemma. He is not troubled with a quest for battle sites. He is not particularly bothered about gate receipts, since any title fight of his is arranged on a percentage basis. His one thought is getting enough heavyweights of suitabl caliber to go 'round so far as Louis is concerned. And the champion wants those four fights almost as much for the activity they will give him as for the fortunes they will bring. Louis dreads the idea of going rusty through inactivity.

Jacobs said yesterday he had Max Baer, former champion, and Lou Nova, California's capable but young and raw heavyweight, as definite title-match timber. They are paired for a fifteen-round bout in the Yankee Stadium on May 25, from fhich is expected to come the June opponent for Louis.

For the September match the contention will lie among the vanquished in the Baer-Nova bout; Tommy Farr, England's outstanding contribution to consistent reverses, and possibly the beefy Two-Ton Tony Galento. In the process of eliminating each other, these heavyweights are calculated to draw some sizable purses in their qualifying trials.

"I want to give Louis the work he requires, but his field of opponents is small," said Jacobs. "We have Baer and Nova paired for May and, although I have not committed myself, it is possible a suitable opponent for Louis will develop from this match. That would take care of a June bout. Baer wants to fight Louis again and is willing to take one or two trial matches to prove himself. He doesn't care whether he gets Louis in June or September. Nova wants to fight Louis and feels sure he can get by Baer, but would prefer to get Louis in September. That makes for complications.

"Farr has been beaten five times in as many American starts, it is true. But he is still box-office, as they in show business, he gave Louis a stiff argument for fifteen rounds, and there is always the possibility that he can get started on the victory path and fight his way back. That's his lookout.

"Galento has one thing none can deny. He has a good press. Whether you agree or disagree, he's building himself up as a box-office attraction. That means something, but not everything. I am now conducting negotiations with Galento's manager, Joe Jacobs, looking to placing Tony into the heavyweight pot, where ability alone will talk.

"We haven't come to any agreement and I don't know that we will. I understand Galento is committed exclusively to other interests. If this is so, the situation is awkward because I will insist that any heavyweight I engage with Louis as the objective, must be free of entangling alliances. That can all be decided over a desk top.

"If Galento wants consideration as a possible challenger, however, he must box at least one man, possibly two, of recognized ability for me. His accomplishments to date notwithstanding, I don't think Galento has yet proved himself a fighting man worthy of consideration as a heavyweight title challenger. I say this without attempting to reflect on the caliber of opponents on which his reputation is built. But the fact remains, my first concern must be for the public which patronizes my fights.

" wouldn't think of putting Galento into a ring with Louis without serious trial. Perhaps a match against Farr would bring out his fighting qualities, or lack of them. Such a bout would bring undisputed recognition to Galento and discredit Farr beyond hope of recovery, or vice versa. If Galento won he could be considered as a September challenger. If Farr won he could be started back redeeming some of those setbacks he has suffered.

"I expect within a few days to be in a position to make a definite announcement about the heavyweight situation generally. Meantime there is a lot of work to be done."

Promoter Jacobs conferred with Ancil Hoffman, manager of Baer, yesterday morning, going over final details for the ex-champion's proposed battle against Nova. Baer and Maanger Hoffman left last night for California and do not expect to return here until April 1.

Efforts to communicate with Joe Jacobs were unsuccessful. At his office it was anounced Galento is committed to two fights which will keep him busy through March. He is to box Natie Brown in Detroit Feb. 3 and Able Feldman in Miami March 22.

Olympic Chance Beckons Borican But Choice of Event Puzzles Him

Negro Star Rocketing to Top Flight Is Tempted by Decathlon—Latest Victory in 600 an Impressive Performance

By ARTHUR J. DALEY

John Borican of the Shore A. C. is a puzzled young man. In fact, he is very much like a chap in a restaurant who gazes wistfully at a list of a half-dozen tasty desserts and can't make up his mind which one to order. Big John expects to be on the American Olympic team next year but he does not know in which particular spot.

He has run 400 meters flat in 0:47.9, has hit 52 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles, does about 1:52 in the half, thinks he could do about 4:10 in the mile, is national pentathlon champion and has a hankering for the decathlon in 1940. So there you are.

Borican is quite a versatile athlete, and what makes it all the more surprising is that his name at the moment is relatively unknown to all except the closest followers of the foot-racing sport. Last year he reached some degree of prominence for the first time, but you will be hearing much more from this rangy, powerfully built Negro from now on. That is guaranteed.

Wants to Upset Notion

He is listed to run in the Bishop Cheverus 1,000 at the Massachusetts K. of C. meet at the Boston Garden on Saturday, but Director Bill Kenney has shown signs of weakening to Borican's request for a shot at the mile. The Shore A. C. star wants to run as many miles as possible for the simple reason that "they say colored boys can't run a good mile, and I want to find out for myself."

If he shows promise at the eight furlongs the Bridgeton, N. J., runner will go after the national outdoor 1,500-meter crown at Lincoln, Neb., on the July 4 week-end. But before he does that he certainly will compete in the 400-meter hurdles. And before the nationals Borican will take time off to practice in the decathlon.

So he has set quite a schedule for himself, completely unaware of where he may land in the Olympic picture. If history repeats itself, which it is supposed to do with considerable regularity, Borican can consider the fact that in 1935, the last pre-Olympic year, there was a 400-meter hurdler from Denver, Glenn Morris, who became Olympic decathlon champion.

All-Around Feats

Here is what the 175-pound 6-footer can or has done in the all-around events: 100 meters, 0:10.8; 110-meter high hurdles, 0:14.7; 400 meters, 0:47.9; 1,500 meters, 4:16 for the mile; broad jump, 23 feet 6 inches; high jump, 6 feet 3 inches; javelin throw, 160 feet; discus throw, 130 feet; pole voult, never tried it but believes he can do 12 feet; shot put, never even picked up the shot.

Borican, a graduate at Virginia State a year ago after majoring in fine arts. believes that the two best decathlon prospects in the country are Bill Watson of Michigan and Wilbur Strode of U. C. L. A., both Negroes.

The avocation of this young man (and the vocation, too, if he could find a job) is portrait painting. He just finished a portrait of the president of Virginia State. He worked his way through college by painting posters. Borican considers his field one of marvelous opportunities if he could make the right connection.

Impressive in First 600

On Saturday Borican ran the first 600 of his career at the Grover Cleveland-Osceola Club meet, breezing in easily in 1:17.1, time that caused the ebullient Jack Wolff, the ex-Manhattan College runner, to exclaim, "I could roll up my trousers and do that right now." But it was the way he won rather than the performance itself that impressed so much.

Last year at the nationals Borican captured the junior 800-meter race, then placed a close second to Jack Patterson of Rice in the senior 400-meter hurdles. He raced against Patterson again at the Reichsportfeld in Berlin at the Germany-United States dual meet and lost by a whisker. "I still don't believe that Jack beat me," he said yesterday with a grin.

Keep your eyes on Borican in the future. He is tagged for greatness in track.

Filing Time Expires Today

Chairman Jack Flaherty of the Metropolitan A. A. U. track and field committee announced yesterday he has given forty-eight hours' grace for filing of entries for the metropolitan championships at the Jersey City Armory on Saturday. The lists will close at 5 P. M. today.

There-ought-to-be-a-law Department: Two races for women and a walk were on the program last Saturday. This observer is firmly convinced that such events should be eliminated from all track programs. Women should run only after trolley cars and men should walk and not run only to the nearest exits.

Walter Stone was placed third in the two-mile handicap but immediately reported to the judges that he had been lapped, a nice gesture.

The Big Ten will send a number of stars to the Millrose A. A. meet at Madison Square Garden a week from Saturday, it was announced yesterday. They include Mel Trutt of Indiana in the two-thirds mile special, Art Bodeau of Purdue in the Millrose 600, Elmer Gedeon of Michigan in the hurdles, Ralph Schwartzkopf of Michigan in the two-mile, Chuck Fenske, Wisconsin graduate, in the Wanamaker Mile, two-mile relay teams from Indiana and Purdue and a one-mile relay quartet from Ohio State.

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Negro Colleges Revive Baseball

The revival of baseball in the Negro colleges of South Carolina and other schools of the South Atlantic Athletic conference is favored by a committee of coaches of the conference, according to a report adopted at the annual session held in December.

At a called session of the executive committee of the conference to be held in Columbia in February, the collective opinions of the athletic boards of the 11 member schools will be considered and the findings reported.

For several years it has been inconvenient for the colleges of the conference to arrange a full schedule that would permit the equipping of teams. In the meantime there has been a strong public demand for the sport in South Carolina and bordering states where in the early spring the climate favors such an outdoor sport.

College representatives present at the December meeting of the conference all favored the revival of the sport in 1939 but delayed arranging a schedule until they made a report to their athletic board. It is expected that a good schedule for the coming spring will be arranged among many of the members schools of the South Atlantic conference.

J. D. McGHEE.

They Won Half of the Championships in the County Golden Gloves Tournament

Left to right—Crawford Black, Elmwood, novice middleweight; Sterling Arch, Jr., Elmwood, novice bantamweight; Albert Watts, Creve Coeur, novice flyweight; John Trigg, Jr., Elmwood, novice light-heavyweight; Jerry Whitfield, Creve Coeur, open bantamweight; Marion Pearson, Creve Coeur, novice lightweight; Luther Whitfield, Creve Coeur, open flyweight.

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NEGRO FIVES VIE IN GAMES HERE

Talladega College invades Atlanta today to meet their conference rivals, Clark University's crack basketball five, at the gymnasium on the Clark campus at 4:30 this afternoon.

Clark will be fighting to win its third game this week. Morehouse and the 24th Infantry from Fort Benning have already been defeated.

Morris Brown College opens its 1939 basketball schedule with the Army, over whom Clark barely eked out a 52-49 victory a few nights ago. They play at Sunset casino at 8 o'clock tonight.

Galento Back In Jacobs' Good Graces After Brescia Victory

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—(AP)—Bash Boulevard had its good ear to the ground today, and the anxious citizens of Orange, N. J., will no doubt be pleased to learn that their one-and-only Tony Galento is back in the good graces of Uncle Mike Jacobs and his brain trust.

Uncle Mike, himself, just won't talk about heavyweight futures until after tea and cakes are served at the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis title party next Wednesday. But you have it on good authority that the belting beer barrel from across the Hudson River figures largely in the recipe your good uncle is concocting for the heavyweight stew.

For a time there, Tony's general classification for all heavyweights—"dose bums"—was ringing on deaf ears as far as the center of the industry was concerned. But you can't laugh off nine straight knockouts, wet, damp or otherwise. So right now, Tony's future, once he fulfills fights for which he is already booked in Miami, Detroit and Chicago, will be as gratifying as the beer and spaghetti he sets before the guests in his Orange drinking emporium.

First off, there's the offer Mike already has made him for a get-together with California Lou Nova in Madison Square Garden March 10. Two-Ton Tony and his manager, jabbering Joe Jacobs, are all for that. But in the event such negotiations fall through, something new popped up today to take its place.

This was the arrival of Gus Greenlee, who reported to Mike that his heavy, John Henry Lewis, is ready, willing and able to become the party of the second part with Galento. Gus's offer may have been just a little bit rash, when you come to think of it, considering that John Henry is in for no pink tea Wednesday night.

Tony and Joe Jacobs accepted Uncle Mike's proposition for a Nova meeting on the spot, but just what Lou thinks of this remains to be seen. Lou already is signed to tangle with Max Baer in May, and may not want to risk his title chances with the pudgy pounder, whose left hooks to the body operate in the same general fashion as a set of meat cleavers. At least, Jorge Brescia, who was stowed away by Tony in a minute and 41 seconds last night, will testify they do.

Nova and his manager, Ray Carlin, are relaxing just now in Hot Springs, far from the Cauliflower Club, but Mike was in touch with them today to learn their reaction. Just how they feel about it was not disclosed. For Uncle Mike is taking no chances of any other heavyweight headlines stealing the attention of the cash customers from his championship waltz Wednesday.

Tony, back on his diet again after a day of training—the diet is made up exclusively of (1)—lots of beer and (2)—more spaghetti—was still shouting at a late hour this evening that he would, (a)—flatten Nova (b)—annihilate Baer and (c)—knock Louis apart with one punch, in that order. This statement may seem far-fetched in most quarters, but Galento, who is either the most naive man in the ring, or the best actor, is fully confident such a program is a push-over.

Writers Give Challenger A Good Chance

Brown Bomber To Rule 6 To 1 Favorite In Ring Scuffle

By SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—(AP)—It will no doubt come as a tremendous surprise to all followers of the science of sock to learn the ballyhoo boys are smocking Joe Louis to give Joe Louis the business in their heavyweight championship fight next Wednesday night.

It is being pointed out that (1) Lewis never has been knocked out (2) he plans to turn the trick by a body attack, thus taking the Brown Bomber completely by surprise, and (3) he is too finished a boxer to be caught by those high-caliber shells from the Louis artillery.

It also is being brought home that Jolting Joe must be in the "killer" frame of mind to do his best. He was that way against Maxie Baer, and against Max Schmeling last Summer, with results as expected. The chances are, it is explained, he won't be quite that way in Madison Square Garden Wednesday because he and John Henry are palsy-walsy off-stage.

Granting all that, there are a few factors that should give Joe just a slim chance of retaining his heavyweight crown over the 15-round route, in the first all-negro title go since Jim Johnson fought Jack Johnson to an eight-round draw in Paris some 25 years back.

First off, Joe is as proud of that title as he is of his appetite, and that's quite something. Secondly, though he has been jolted by a punch on the chin, he also has shown his ability to come back, notably in the convincing manner he polished off Jimmy Braddock and Natie Mann after each had belted him a good one.

You can say as often as you want to that John Henry never has been kayoed, but you can't overlook the fact that he has been off his pins. Isidoro Gastanaga sat him on the seat of his panties something like half a dozen times, and while Isidoro may have been as hard a puncher as Joe—which has been claimed—he certainly never threw so many fists, nor tossed 'em so straight, as the young man from Detroit. And don't forget Joe will have about a 15-pound weight pull Wednesday, scaling around 200 to John Henry's 185.

The body attack may work. Ring veterans insist Joe never has been tested in the neighborhood of his bread basket. That may be true, but it doesn't seem logical to expect Joe to stand there while John Henry takes pot shots at his short ribs.

John Henry is a classy boxer, probably as smart a ring general as Joe ever met. But you don't win the heavyweight title solely on boxing. Even Gene Tunney had a left hand that made the other fellows feel as if they were on the business end of a pig-sticker.

Finally, the betting boys have installed Joe on the top end of 6 to 1 odds, and even have gone so far as to say he has a 3-1 chance of finishing off John Henry before the scheduled curtain-lowering in this his fifth defense of the championship. The betting boys, particularly those who have been taking a kicking-around this Winter from such upsetters as Billy Conn and Red Burman, aren't offering that kind of money for charity's sake. They leave that business to the Salvation Army.

Thus, to the slightly beclouded eye of this observer, Joe Louis should knock out John Henry somewhere about the middle of the evening, within 10 rounds anyway, before a crowd that should be close to the Garden's 18,000 capacity. John Henry can be hit, as his sparmates have shown, and if a fighter can be hit—well, some time ask Max Schmeling about Joe Louis.

Galento Confident Of Easy Victory Over Jorge Rrescia

NEWARK, N. C., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Tony Galento, whose blatant boasts have left many a fight fan still unconvinced of the awful destruction the two-ton brawler says he could wreak on "dat bum Joe Louis," hopes to prove tomorrow night he's more than a comic windbag.

It's "knock out or shut up" for Tony when he meets Jorge Brescia, the under-dog from down Argentina way, and it'll have to be a quick sleeping potion Tony wants to talk any more about meeting the heavyweight champ.

Tony, who is quoted a three-to-one favorite for the 10-round bout at the armory, threw out his barrel chest tonight, and vowed he would flatten Brescia in quicker time than Joe Louis did. Louis kayoed Brescia in the third round.

"Da guy's just another bum that tinks he can fight," said the self-styled "baron of swat," seeking his ninth straight knockout victory and his fourth since recovering from broncho-pneumonia.

Brescia—6-foot, 2 and scaling 215—had another idea. He said he would take the steam out of the Jersey water buffalo in two rounds with the potent right hand that staggered Louis and then box his way to an easy decision.

Galento, who will climb through the ropes with about 230 pounds of beef draped on his 5 feet, 8 frame, is ranked No. 1 contender for Joe Louis's heavyweight crown by the national boxing association.

Promoter Harry Mendel reported advance sales today at almost $5,000 and said he looks for a crowd of 11,000 which would be the biggest in New Jersey in more than eight years.

Louis and Lewis

Globe 1-12-39

It won't be long!

A few more days and then the fight of the century will take place. Joe Louis, the sleep lover and sleep producer from Alabama, but late of Detroit, will cross rights and lefts with another sepia lad who answers to the name of John Henry Lewis.

The fight will be watched with interest for many reasons other than the winning and losing angle. Truth of the matter is that this is liable to be the last important thing about the fight.

In the first place, the fight is the first championship match in recent times between two Negro heavies; so you can bet your bottom dollar that the promotion boys will be on hand to see if the all-colored fight will be a financial success. Truth of the matter is that some of these boys have been trying for quite a number of moons to work up a fracas between Messrs. Lewis and Louis, but were skeptical lest the whole thing turned out to be a financial flop. Of course you are aware of the fact that these promoters are not hashing up these matches for the excitement alone. They would rather have a few cash bucks minus the excitement than to have the excitement minus the cash bucks.

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Still there is not a guarantee yet that the promoters are not going to take a lashing in red ink despite the act that there are lots of folks who are going to see the fight with the hope that John Henry will give Louis one of the most hectic afternoons in his entire career. You know the crowd likes a game guy who is playing the under-dog role, and John Henry certainly will be in that spot when he takes the ring against Joe.

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DON'T SELL JJOHN HENRY TOO SHORT

Now, for a word with you Joe Louis fans: Don't take this fellow John Henry Lewis too lightly. Boy, "thar's dynamite in them thar fists of his." The boy is shifty, fast and powerful. He knows how to use both hands and is not afraid to use them. He is a fine boxer, but don't let any of the boxing charlatans fool you into believing that he cannot slug a little when occasion arises. Add to these assets the fact that the fellow has a splendid mentality and you will have one of the best ringmasters in the country.

Joe Louis should win this fight, but he must be an alert Joe Louis from beginning to end. He must be the Joe of the Carnera, Baer, Braddock and second Schmeling fights. He cannot be the Joe Louis of the first Schmeling, the Bob Pastor nor the Tommy Farr fights and win from John Henry. You can count on that. If he does, you can look forward to the crowning of a new sepia lad as heavyweight champion of the world.

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POTPOURRI

Local sports lovers are getting basketball conscious again.....Wonder what ever became of those fraternity games that used to give us such wholesome entertainment on Saturday nights?.....Some Tuskegee followers are expressing themselves as believing that Cleve Abbott is getting "too old on the job".....Boys down Alabama way are anxious for A. and I. State to come down for a football game with Tuskegee or Alabama State.....Seem to think that it would be nice for Tennessee to replace Kentucky on her schedule with one of the aforenamed teams.....Paul Robeson made Phi Beta Kappa as well as All-American end at Rutgers. (Nice going Paul.)

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ATLANTA LIFE "GUNNERS" OPEN SEASON MONDAY NIGHT WITH LEBANON FIVE

Local basketball lovers will get a chance to see some fancy caper-cutting on the hardwood within the next fewdays.

With the season about to swing into full bloom, the Atlanta Life "Gunners" are making plans to step out in high company for the entertainment and approval of the general public Monday night, January 16, at the Bethlehem Center. According to word coming to the sports department of the GLOBE-INDEPENDENT, a smooth and shifty quintet from Lebanon will furnish the opposition in the inaugural affair.

The local outfit is starting out in a big way like they mean business. And to judge from the calibre of players that grace the roster the cage game is about to make a much delayed comeback in these parts. .....

Outstanding among the stars who will carry the colors of the "Gunners" are "Big Brown," "Fast" Parker, Beasley, "Lank" Huston, "Breezy" Barker, "Squeaky" Brown and Prof. Quisenberry of the Wilberforce '34 outfit. Sponsors of the team are leaving no stones unturned in their efforts to make it a class A outfit. While a number of classy games have already been scheduled, the boys are still in the market for opposition. Anyone interested in scheduling games with the "Gunners" are requested to call 6-3812 or write the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, 419 Fourth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

Magazine Explains Why Negroes Ceased Protests Against College Coaches

Threat to Ban Race Athletes from All Games Causes Cessation of Attacks

Refused to be "Put on Spot" Following Liberal Leanings

Blade Dispatch 1-7-39

CHICAGO.—(ANP—)Negroes have "quit protesting' against the refusal of northern coaches to insist on playing their colored stars against southern teams because coaches let it be known that they might keep Negro players off their teams altogether rather than submit to such "pressure." This article in the December 29 edition of Ken, the magazine published by Esquire.

Says the story:

"Football contracts for games involving Dixie and universities against northern or western schools that may have Negro players, usually restrict eligibility to 'members of the Caucasian race'. This clause is generally waived when the southern teams play in other territories.

"Formerly, protest by Negro organizations against the restriction handicapped colored kids who were trying to win places on northern teams that had southern games in prospect.

"A Big Ten coach whose team had scheduled a game in the South, and a colored kid who starred in the coach's line, were responsible for the discontinuance of the organized protests against the restriction. The coach, assailed in letters, telegrams and telephone messages from Negroes, called in his colored player.

"Have I done everything I can to help you get through school and to make you a great football player?" the coach asked. The kid acknowledged the coach's help.

"Have the other kids on the team treated you right?" "Everyone of them does fine by me," the boy testified.

"And here's what we get for it." The coach displayed a stack of telegrams and letters in which Negro organizations and individuals insisted that the kid be taken south with the team. "If this keeps up, I'll never again go through the trouble of having a colored boy on a team of mine. The Negroes try to be bossier than the alumni."

"Let me answer a few of those. They're putting you and me both on the spot." The boy sifted the stack and left the room with an assortment of wires and letters. In wereless than a week the protest had died out.

"News of the incident got to other coaches. That's the inside of how colored kids retained an even chance as northern varsity football candidates."

Although no names are given, it is possible that the "colored kid" was Willis Ward and the coach Harry Kipke, then of Michigan.

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Baer Signs to Box Nova May 25; Louis Bout Held Out to Victor

15-Round Fight Booked for Yankee Stadium —Jacobs to Make 'Mystery Trip' to the West—Farr Glum Over Setback

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Max Baer, former heavyweight champion of the world, signed articles yesterday with Promotor Mike Jacobs to meet Lou Nova, youthful contender from Alameda, Calif., in a fifteen-round bout at the Yankee Stadium on May 25. The battle was arranged by Jacobs to produce an opponent for Joe Louis, current holder of the heavyweight title, in June.

Although no terms were announced, it is generally believed that the greater part of the fighters' purse will be paid to Baer, despite the fact that he has been out of action since last March. In his last bout the former champion gained a clean-cut triumph over Tommy Farr, a feat that has lost considerable luster in view of Farr's subsequent performances. Since then the latter has also lost to Nova and to Clarence (Red) Burman.

Baer, naturally, would like a return battle with Louis, who stopped him in four rounds in 1935, but would prefer to meet the titleholder in September, should he get past Nova. Jacobs, too, would rather stage a September contest, but the champion is opposed to so late a date and insists that he fight in June if at all. Nova is unconcerned about his tentative date with the Bomber.

All these plans, of course, are predicated on Louis's successful defense of his crown against John Henry Lewis in Madison Square Garden on Jan. 25. A triumph for John Henry would throw the heavyweight situation into a turmoil and cause a complete re-arrangement of Jacob's promotion plans.

The promoter will leave for the West tomorrow on what he terms a "mystery trip." Whatever the mystery may be, it must be important, for it will keep Jacobs from the Boxing Writers Association dinner at Dinty Moore's on Wednesday night, a function of considerable importance in pugilistic circles.

In addition to announcing the Baer-Nova contract, Jacobs revealed he had signed Melio Bettina, Beacon (N. Y.) light heavyweight, to meet Henry Cooper of Brownsville in an eight-round semi-final to the Pedro Montanez-Ambrose Logan ten-rounder at the New York Hippodrome on Friday night.

Farr paid a visit to the Hipp yesterday to be paid for his losing clash with Burman last Friday night. The Welshman was disconsolate over the defeat, his fifth in succession in this country. He declared he thought he had won but admitted he made a poor showing. Farr attributed his inability to show at his best to a cold which made him particularly vulnerable to body punches.

Burman, as would be expected, was a happy individual when he put in his appearance to collect his check. But he, too, admitted he was off his form, also because of a cold.

Farley, Walker to Attend

Postmaster General James A. Farley and former Mayor James J. Walker will be guests at the Boxing Writers' Dinner. A trophy in honor of the memory of Edward J. Neil, former boxing reporter who was killed while serving as a war correspondent in Spain a year ago, will be presented to Jack Dempsey on the occasion, in recognition of Dempsey's contribution to boxing through 1938

Sports of the Times

Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

By JOHN KIERAN

The Falstaff of Fisticuffs

PARDON the Shakespearean strain but the occasion demands it when that hilarious heavyweight, the gallant and globular Galento, goes forth to war again. He is the Falstaff of Fisticuffs by a wide margin.

Thus, when the honeyed voice of Mr. Harry Mendel, the Newark promoter, was heard intoning: "Hurry, hurry, good people! This way for the big show! Two-Ton Tony and Jorge Brescia for the price of one admission! Come one, come all!" etc., it was a "cheerful little earful" and a rollicking rallying-cry for those who can do with a spot of merriment even amid the horrors of war.

"Let me have men about me that are fat,
Sleek-headed men, and such as sleep o' nights."

(Julius Caesar, Act 1, Scene 2.)

Great Caesar was right. The legend is that everybody loves a fat man. A stout party is an arresting figure. (On occasions, Police Commissioner Valentine might make some use of that line. No extra charge.)

Contagious Humors

Like the illustrious fat knight who larded the lean earth as he walked along, Two-Ton Tony is not only witty in himself but the cause of wit in others. Ex-Private Bill Brown, the lower case veteran of the high military commission that rules boxing in New York State, looks with some disapproval on the lumbering antics of Two-Ton Tony and once shrieked with horror when Mine Host Galento, training for a fight in his own Jersey tavern, posed for a photo with a glass of amber brew in his ham-like hand. But for once Farmer Bill Brown, who usually is right, was wrong. Two-Ton Tony could have retorted with Falstaff:

"Shall I not take mine ease in mine inn?"

Furthermore, he could have leaped in with another quotation—and another beaker of the amber brew—to the following devastating effect:

"'Tis my vocation, Hal! 'Tis no sin for a man to labor in his vocation."

A pat answer that would have been to the reproof valiant from Farmer Bill Brown. But perhaps by this time Farmer Bill is reconciled to taking Two-Ton Tony as he is, without attempting to force him into the ways of lesser men.

Construction Details

In one of the Dumas novels a stout but disorderly friend of Chicot the Jester finds himself on the wrong side of the law and King Henry of France threatens to have him hanged.

"Impossible, Sire!" said Chicot blandly.

"Why so?" queried the monarch.

"He has no neck!"

The same construction detail may be noted in the frame of the gallant and globular Galento. It comes to mind that Farmer Bill Brown should be in favor of Two-Ton Tony if for one reason only; Galento never clinches.

The bane of most boxing bouts is that too many of the noble warriors rush out of their corners and plunge into a ferocious clinch. When they are pried apart by a laboring referee, they gnash their teeth with fury and immediately rush back into another clinch. The rings around here are a regular Ivy League. The fighters cling closer than the "clematis virginiana" to the trunk of an elm tree. Clinching must be the first lesson in the course of instruction for budding boxers in this area, and most of the students never progress beyond the first lesson.

There Two-Ton Tony shines by comparison. There isn't a clinch in two tons of the gallant and globular Galento. He can't clinch. His arms never were made to wrap themselves in sinuous folds. The best that Two-Ton Tony can develop is a slow curve. Furthermore, he scorns all clinchers, considering them slackers in the great fight game and cowards by instinct. With Falstaff, his cry is:

"A plague of all cowards, I say."

The Inverted Pendulum Swing

The contribution of Two-Ton Tony to ring science is what is known as the inverted pendulum swing. Jack Dempsey was an exponent of the bobbing and weaving style. Tony Canzoneri donated the attack by bounces, vertical style. Johnny Dundee was in ahead of him with the bounce or rebound, horizontal style. Johnny would throw himself backward against the ropes and use the rebound to add to the speed of his next attack.

Two-Ton Tony sways backward and forward like an inverted pendulum, his feet being the fixed point. It's entrancing to watch, because the observer always fears that the globular Galento will be unable to check his forward sway and will go right on over. On rare occasions Tony does just that, but no great harm is done. He merely comes up again smoothly on the other side and is ready to resume hostilities.

It is no wonder that some of Galento's opponents are worried when they face that style

of attack. It must be something like a man in the street looking up and seeing a big building swaying backward and forward. The thing to do is to scurry to safety before being crushed by the fall. To this forward-backward body-swing Two-Ton Tony adds the sidewise flailing of his arms on attack, further complicating the problem for his vis-a-vis of the evening. Furthermore, he stands punishment like a huge beach-ball. It is all very discouraging for the ordinary battler who goes in against him.

Safety First

The demand of this Falstaff of Fisticuffs is that he be allowed to fight Shufflin' Joe Louis. Of course, there are some hurdles in the way and anybody who has glimpsed Two-Ton Tony knows that he is no great hurdler. He isn't built to clear any seven-barred gates with a suitcase in each hand.

However, he might step over fallen bodies and get into the clear for a ringing challenge thrown at that ominous figure, the Shuffler. If such a crisis arises, it is to be hoped that kind friends will intervene. Two-Ton Tony is too good to lose that way. Let him mingle with lesser men, for better or worse, all in a loud spirit of fun. But there is no spirit of fun in that Shufflin' Joe Louis. Not in the ring, anyway. If the gallant and globular Galento were exposed to the lightning blasts of the Dark Destroyer, it would be far from a laughing matter and the Falstaff of Fisticuffs would be out of character in a tragic role. He should be saved from that by all means.

MADCAP MAXIE, CHANGED MAN, STILL A COMIC

Baer, Cowboy Trappings And All, Lets Gotham Know He Wants To Fight

1-12-39

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK—(AP)—Cowboy Max Baer, a range-rider with everything but the hoss, is in town looking for fighting work.

The one-time madcap of the hot spots insists he's a changed man—that Max, Jr., has taught him the error of his ways and all he wants is a chance to prove it.

But when he hit town last evening, sporting a 10-gallon sombrero, something nifty and red in the way of bandannas, and a drawl that laid 'em in the aisles, the fight writers knew there was one thing even Max, Jr., the 3-year-old apple of Madcap Maxie's eye, couldn't change even a little bit. He's still good for a laugh a minute.

"Just elect me sheriff of this yere county," he told the boys in his best cowboy tongue, "and I'll run every fight manager right out of town. I'll also do the same for some of the fighters."

The occasion for the cowhand comedy was to remind the boys that he's now in the movies, under a five-year contract which begins in a few weeks with some hoss opera. But that's not going to interfere with his fighting, if any.

"I want Lou Nova or Tony Galento, or both, outdoors, this year, and then you can put me back in there with Joe Louis," he announced. "I think I can knocck out both those other fellows and that'll build up a $1,000,000 gate for me and Joe."

He was reminded that the last time he tangled with Louis it was strictly no contest.

"All I want is another chance," Maxie insisted. "Nothing's impossible, and I think I have a good chance of winning back that title.

"The possibility is I'll fight Nova. If I do, Buddy (Max's brother) may take on Galento in Chicago."

Manager Ancil Hoffman and Promoter Mike Jacobs were to get together today on a fight for Maxie, and the only possible hitch in the proceedings may come in Maxie's demand for an outdoor shot. As a true-blue cowhand, Maxie wants the wide open spaces, not the indoor arenas.

Big John Leads Field All The Way With Ease

Does Distance In 2:15.6 For Fastest Boston Time

BOSTON.—John Borican, newest wonder of the indoor track season, kept up his winning pace Saturday at the Proui Memorial Games, here, by winning the 1000 yard run.

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Borican did the distance in the fastest time ever recorded in the Hub. His mark was 2:15.6.

Borican had the track all the way and led the field including Charlie Beethan with ease. The tape the Virginia State alumnus had six yards to spare.

Big John has been the sensation of the indoor track season ever since it started. Track experts have predicted that he will be one of the certain members of the 1940 Olympic squad if he keeps up his superb developments.

Eulace Peacock was third in the fifty yard dash while Jim Herbert ran third in the 600.

The Millrose Games to be held in New York this week-end are expected to draw the cream of the Nation's track stars. Both Borican and Herbert are entered. John Woodruff is expected in the 880; Ben Johnson in the sprints; Mel Walker and Dave Albritton in the jumps.

Kentucky President Discusses Athletics

WILBERFORCE, Ohio— President R. B. Atwood of the Kentucky State College was the banquet speaker at the recent annual meeting of the Mid-Western Athletic Association held here at Wilberforce Friday and Saturday, January 6 and 7.

Representatives of the six institutions which are members of this group, West Virginia State, Tennessee State, Louisville Municipal, Lincoln University, Mo., Wilberforce, and Kentucky State were in attendance.

President Atwood spoke on the topis, "A College President Looks at the Mid-Western Athletic Association."

DISCUSSES CONFERENCE

In an interesting and forward looking address which may have great influence on the athletic programs of the Negro colleges of the middle west, if not the nation as a whole, President Atwood criticized the present day administration of collegiate athletics and mentioned several constructive suggestions.

While emphasizing the value of college athletics the speaker discussed several of the destructive aspects of the activities.

The outstanding evils and dangers mentioned were winning as the dominant aim, proselyting, professionalism, outside interference with the athletic program, the game turned into drudgery, restricted participation, and distortion of ideas as to the purpose of higher education.

CONSTRUCTIVE POINTS

Ranking as the most interesting constructive suggestions for getting the most value from collegiate athletics were:

Some kind of academic tenure for coaches, and lowering the number of years of intercollegiate competition for athletes. The first would make the coach's job depend on his ability as an instructor and his character as a man rather than on the gates he drew and the games he won.

The second which looks to limiting student participation in intercollegiate athletics to three and finally to two years would protect individuals from over-participation, increase the number of men getting athletic training, enable athletes to spend more time on their academic work, discourage proselyting, and tend to keep in active training more men.

Other suggestions were: Attempt to remove outside interference in athletics, honesty in the conduct of the athletic program, and increase intramural sports.

John Henry To Get $15,000 For Beating

NEW YORK—(SNS)—John Henry Lewis realized $15,430.24 from the terrific two minute and 29-second beating he took at the hands of Joe Louis, heavyweight champion, in Madison Square Garden Wednesday night. The challenger's share represented 17 1-2 per cent of the net gate of $86,712.25.

Champion Louis' 40 per cent amounted to $35,269.10.

The gross gate of the 17,360 house was $102,068.43, officials revealed.

Broken down to lowest terms, Joe Louis was paid at the rate of $230.96 a second for shellacking Lewis.

WILL WORLD'S FAIR SPORT COMMITTEE IGNORE THE NEGRO'S ATHLETIC RECORD?

BY G.C. Miller

Colonel Jake Ruppert, owner of the New York Yankees, and his 214 fellow members of the Advisory Committee of Sports of the New York World's Fair are in a slightly ticklish position. The Colonel and his committee are to be the judges who will determine the recipient of the "Golden Laurel", a World's Fair trophy, to be presented to some individual for the "outstanding contribution to sport in 1938" All athletes, amateur and pro, male and female are eligible. The ticklish position will be - come manifest when the Colonel and the committee discover that t their work has already been done for them. That is, as far as athletes are concerned, for in at least two nation-wide polls conducted among sports writers, that husting hirricane from California, Henry A rmstrong, ran away with the vote by a wide margin.

But the Colonel and the committee have an "out" if they decide to keep this award from falling into the hands of a colored athlete. The peculiar wording of the conditions governing the award makes it possible for it to be given to a non-athlete. Thus the Boxing Writers Association, only a month ago, took advantage of the same type of wording to pass over Henry Armstrong and voted the Edward J. Neill Memorial Trohpy to Jack Dempsey, as the man who made the greatest contribution to boxing in 1938. Fight fans have not yet recovered from the shock.

So what's sauce for the Boxing Writers may yet prove duck soup for the Colonel and the committee, We may see the "Golden Laurel" plastered on the brow of some officious official like Avery Brundage or an also-ran politico like Jerry Mahoney, or in a pinch, the Colonel might swing the vote to his Jake Powell. Powell, Yankee outfielder, made his contirubtion to sport by boasting over theradio of how he used his club on "nigger heads", So far, Powell still remains in baseball.
In view of the continued determination of the Colonel and his associates in major league baseball to keep colored players out of the game despite wide spread agitation by players and white and colored fans for admittance, this last is not as far fetched as it may sound.
Of course, the Col. and Co., may confound me and put the award where it belongs -- on the bobbing,weaving head of the greatest fighter in the ring today. Armstrong, but I doubt it. Past experience with these committees and their penchant for depriving colored athletes of honors rightfully due them, has taught me to expect the worst. Remember the case of Jesse Owens and the flimsy excuses that were offered when he was deprived of the Sullivan Award. It can, and most probably will, happen again.

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Kate (Streamline) Smith, Kate Rand

The Chocolate Co-Eds, Colored World's Basketball Champions, have as one of their players Helen (Streamline) Smith who towers close to seven feet. With four defeats chalked against them in six years, this sensational team of girls also boasts of Kate Rand, all-around forward the last four years. Plans are being made for a game February 15.

New York Bit By Bit

BY DALE HARRISON
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NEW YORK.—Whenever Herbert Barker, the dapper sports editor of The Associated Press, finds it in his heart to provide me with Annie Oakleys, I go to the prize fights. Sometimes I go to the Garden, but more often I'm at the Hippodrome because the less important fisticuffs occur there. Mr. Barker's generosity with Annie Oakleys is more marked when it comes to the lesser encounters.

It is just as well. I prefer the Hippodrome. I like the bright red seats—the red seats that Billy Rose installed when he produced "Jumbo" there a few years ago. Also, I see better fights. That is because the fighters at the Hippodrome are on their way up and consequently are inclined to give their all. Too often the main event fighters at the Garden behave as though they are afraid they'll get hurt. I do not like fights of that character. I want my gladiators to get in there and sock. Fighting is a profession in which caution should be thrown to the winds. Why should I put up with fighters who waltz through a few rounds of inactivity and are able immediately afterward to go to a dance without a mark upon them? To such fellows I say, Ugh, meaning disgust.

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By and large the fight game isn't doing very much to elevate the standards of civilization, but you must understand I speak only as a casual observer. My criticism is based largely on the people in the business, many of whom are not my ideas of models for our youth.

Hundreds of fellows drag out livings of a sort by hanging on the edges of the fight game—handlers, has-beens, managers, sparring partners, gamblers, promoters and concessionaires. Perhaps they are better off there than living on their relatives or WPA. You see a fantastic and pathetic collection of fight game castoffs hanging around the Garden on the nights of big fights. A few of them are patently lightheaded—slap-happy, as the boys say. After being battered around the rings for years, their brains have been cuffed into a mild wooziness.

The patrons of prize fighting are strange company. At the ringside you will find many prominent people. Postmaster General Farley is a fight regular. He used to be boxing commissioner. Mayor LaGuardia goes occasionally. Former Mayor Jimmy Walker never used to miss a one, but he doesn't turn out as often nowadays. Jimmy Durante, Lady Yadlee Frank Fay and Ben Blue can be found at the ringside when they're in town. Actors, as a matter of fact, are fanatical in their adoration of pugs. I have seen prominent stage performers actually drooling with happiness after getting the autograph of third-rate fighters who sign their names only with the greatest difficulty.

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What slays me most at a fight is that interlude just before the main event when various "personalities" of fistiana climb into the ring and line up against the ropes waiting to be introduced. Here we get a chance to see in their street clothes the fellows who either are champions or aspire to be; and it isn't a pretty picture. Once in a while there will be a good-looking, clear-eyed lad among them. Mostly though, they are a crumby lot. You will observe more receding foreheads on these occasions than in any other given 20 square feet in the world, not to mention wrecked ears and flattened noses.

Not one of us but who is removed from savagery only by the wafer thinness of the veneer called civilization, but these men who earn thousands of dollars a year by boxing make us realize how dangerously thin that veneer is.

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I believe in professional boxing, but I think the men who fight for money ought to fight for it, not argue about it in the papers. I think matches should be made upon the fighting ability of the men and not for the convenience and profit of managers.

I think it is an outrage to charge more for a Louis-Lewis heavyweight fight than for a box at the Metropolitan Opera. I think too many people are cutting too much money off the top, or, to put it bluntly, that the public is paying too much money to the fellows in the fight business who don't do any fighting.

Good old Primo Carnera, who couldn't fight won the world's heavyweight championship. He made plenty of money; yet today he is a poor man. He didn't spend all the money he earned. He just didn't get it. What we love to boast about as American business genius took hold of Primo, jockeyed him to the top and then let him go boom.

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I saw Maxie Baer, another ex-champ, at a night club opening the other night, and one of my table companions, once the governor of a great state, asked me if I had ever heard the story of Maxie's financial troubles. I hadn't, so he said:

"It may not be true, but it is a story they tell. Maxie, starting out as a boxer, sold 25 per cent of himself to a manager. (This is usual practice in the fight racket.) A little later, needing money, he sold another 25 per cent; and, still later, another 25 per cent.

"After the Baer-Louis fight, the story goes, Baer went to get his money, which he anticipated would be a small fortune. They handed him 25 per cent, the other 75 per cent of his purse going to those to whom he had sold shares in himself.

"Maxie reared up and demanded more money. Patiently they pointed out to him where the other money went.

" 'But I only sold 75 per cent of myself,' Baer argued.

" 'That's right,' they told him. 'That leaves you 25 per cent. Seventy-five plus 25 equals 100 per cent.'

"Baer scratched his head. 'Did you say 100 per cent?' he asked in bewilderment. 'Is that all there is? I always thought fight percentage was the same as in baseball—and in baseball a batter with a perfect record bats 1000 per cent. I figured I still had 925 per cent coming!' "

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So, putting one thing and another together, I don't mind going to the Hippodrome for my fights. Those red seats are very pretty.

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CURTAINS FOR THE CHALLENGER

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Challenger John Henry Lewis, light-heavyweight champion of the world, is "out on his back" from a lethal right delivered by the fightin'est heavyweight champion of all times. This picture shows the tragic end of a two-year dream of the game, but helpless challenger. "Trail's End" for John Henry merely meant another opponent for the Brown Bomber.—(International News Photo—Airplane Service.)

ARMSTRONG TO BE ON DISPLAY TWICE IN WEEK

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Champ's Two Non-Title Fights Save Washout In Big Names

NEW YORK, Feb. 12—(AP)—Hurricane Henry Armstrong's barnstorming tour alone saves this week's national boxing program from being a complete washout so far as big names are concerned.

The lightweight and welterweight champion doesn't meet any real opposition, but at least he'll be on display a couple of times. He is scheduled for a few exhibition rounds at Baltimore Monday night and at Washington Tuesday against courageous local boys who are willing to take a chance on climbing into the ring with him.

Young Patrick Edward Comiskey the Paterson, N. J., belter who has been hailed as a coming champion almost before he's had a chance to show he can fight, appears at Newark, N. J., Monday in a six-round bout with Jack Mulcahy. Maurice Strickland, of New Zealand, opposes Frank Donofrio, of Philadelphia, in the main 10-rounder.

The program:

Monday—At New York, Jimmy Lancaster, Wilmington, Del., vs. Al Reid, New York, featherweights, 8. At Chicago, Eddie Lander, Chicago, vs. Frankie Covelli, Brooklyn, featherweights, 8. At Newark, N. J., Maurice Strickland, New Zealand, vs. Frank Donofrio, Philadelphia, heavyweights, 10; Eddie Pierce, South Africa, vs. Roxie Forgione, Philadelphia, welterweights, 10; Patrick Edward Comiskey, Paterson, N. J., vs. Jack Mulcahy, Norfolk, Va., heavyweights, 6. At Holyoke, Mass., Jimmy Leto, Hartford, Conn., vs. Tommy Bland, New York, welterweights, 10. At San Francisco, Joe Hill, Los Angeles, vs. Newsboy Millich, Sacramento, Calif., heavyweights, 6.

Tuesday—At New York, Joe Fontana, Brooklyn, vs. Bernie Friedkin, Brooklyn, lightweights, 8; Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, vs. Johnny Bellus, New Haven, Conn., lightweights, 8. At Hartford, Conn., Carl (Red) Guggino, Hartford, vs. Phil Seriani, New York, lightweights, 10. At Los Angeles, Tony Chavez, Los Angeles, vs. Georgie Crouch, Los Angeles, lightweights, 10. At Houston, Ken Overlin, Chicago, vs. Al Bernard, Houston, middleweights, 10.

Wednesday—At Philadelphia, Al Nettlow, Detroit, vs. Tommy Cross, Philadelphia, lightweights, 10. At Birmingham, Ala., Darse Robertson, Birmingham, vs. Jimmy Perrin, New Orleans, featherweights, 10.

Thursday—At Atlantic City, Young Gene Buffalo, Philadelphia, vs. Roxy Forgione, Philadelphia, welterweights, 10. At Boston, Honey Mellody, Boston, vs. Abe Denner, Boston, 12, for New England lightweight title. At Fayetteville, Ark., Lloyd Montgomery, Bauxite, Ark., vs. Frankie Smith, Brooklyn, heavyweights, 10.

Friday—At Philadelphia, Gus Dorazio, Philadelphia, vs. Charley Robinson, Pennsville, N. J., heavyweights, 10. At Hollywood, Calif., Mike Belloise, New York, vs. Nick Peters, San Antonio, Tex., lightweights, 10. At Boston, Jimmy Leto, New York, vs. Mike Kaplan, Baltimore welterweights, 10; Pete Scalzo, New York vs. Sal Bartolo, Boston, featherweights, 10 At New York, Willie Reddish, Philadelphia vs. Eddie Blunt, New York, heavyweights, 10.

LOUIS ASSURED OF JUNE SCRAP IN GOTHAM RING

Courier-Herald 2-11-39

Jacobs Plans Training Camp For Bomber At World's Fair

Max Baer And Lou Nova May Train At Plant Before May Bout

Birmingham, Ala.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10—(AP)—A fight for Joe Louis in June in New York was virtually assured Friday when Promoter Mike Jacobs completed details for construction of an elabirate training camp for the Brown Bomber on the World's Fair grounds.

Although Mike refused even to intimate what challenger he has in mind for Louis—Tony Galento has been mentioned most prominently—he announced the heavyweight champion definitely would do his preliminary work at that training base "for a June fight."

The camp will have an arena large enough to seat 4,000 persons. It was indicated he planned to go into the proposition on a 50-50 basis with the fair.

"Of course," Mike explained, "anyone can train there, but it is being erected especially for Louis for a June fight. If it is constructed in time, either Max Baer or Lou Nova may do some work there before their fight in May."

Adjoining the camp will be a boxing museum, set up as an exhibit of old-time boxing equipment and data.

Louis To Defend In L. A. Against Roper This April

(From Yesterday's Final Edition)

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7—(AP)—Promotor Tom Gallery, of Los Angeles, announced Tuesday night Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis will meet Jack Roper in a 10-round title bout here in April under the joint promotion of himself and Mike Jacobs, of New York.

Gallery declared he had obtained Jacobs' approval for the match. Jacobs has first call on the champion's ring services.

Monday, April 24, was announced as the tentative date, but Gallery said it might be held earlier.

Roper, listed here the most dangerous heavyweight in the business, although over 35, relaunched a serious fighting campaign more than a year ago and his most recent victims include Patsy Perroni, Jorge Bresica and Eddie Simms, with a one-round knockout over Bob Nestell in his last appearance.

Roper, who claims West Virginia as his home state, is billed to meet Junior Munsell, of Oklahoma, Friday at Hollywood Stadium.

Louis has fought in Los Angeles but once. He knocked out Lee Ramage in 1935 before he became the titleholder.

Penn State Freshman Sets Mark Of 5.1 For 50-Yard Dash As Ben Johnson Lags In The Rear

Juan Luyanda Of Lincoln Ties For First Place In High Jump With Mark Set At 6-4; Gordon Loses In Hurdles

For once in his running days Glenn Cunningham found his fame and reputation eclipsed on the cedar paths.

It took brown skinned "Barney" Ewell of the Penn State Freshman track team to do it and Barney did the job up brown.

Expectations were that the Pennac Games, held at Convention Hall, would be dominated by the mile run featuring the King of the Long Distance, Cunningham.

But long before that event was to go on Ewell took things into his own hands and decided that he would set himself a world's record in the fifty yard dash.

No sooner said than done.

The build up to this sensation was quite routine. Several heats were run one of which found Ben Johnson barely nosed out for first place, but still in the finals.

The spectators settled back filled with the idea that the final event was going to be something in which Ben Johnson, Ewell and Maher of Villano va would settle between themselves with Johnson having the favor of the gods.

But with the flash of the starter's gun, the most sensational sprint seen in this vicinity in ages, was off. The boys packed for the first few yards and no one seemed to have the advantage.

At the half Ewell and Maher decided to take things into their own hands and run things the way they wanted to. From there to the tape it was nip and tuck in the flash of seconds. But it was Ewell who hit the tape first, blazing down the final inches like a bat out of the lower regions. And right behind him like an avenging angel was the white wrath of Maher. If Ewell broke the tape then it was Maher who pushed it apart.

The spectators applauded, it had been a good race but no one suspected that big things had taken place. Not until the man at the loud speaker announced that the time was 5.1, a new mark for that distance all over the world, did the 8,000 people present break into a crescendo of applause for the former national scholastic titleholder. A new king had been crowned.

But even in the tradition of new monarchs, the race saw the passing of another one. Way in the back, almost completely unnoticed in the hurly-burly was Ben Johnson. The young men had come to take their place in the sun. The day of the heroes of other years was past.

Luyanda Ties

Another sepia lad furnished sensation to the meet, also. It was Juan Luyanda who has been currently carrying the colors of Lincoln University who forced his way to a three way tie in the high jump.

Luyanda was in high class company too. For his rivals were Byrnes of Manhattan, intercollegiate champion and Wise of Princeton University.

All three men worked their way to six feet 4 inches, but not one was able to break the mark, though all tried for the high altitude. However since there had to be a one, two, three count, the estimate was made on the basis of fewer misses. Byrnes won, with Wise second and Luyanda third. John Glenn of International A. C. also competed in this event.

Vivian Bailey, Temple distance man, was in the pack in the two mile run, while Ed Gordon, who finished first in the second heat of the 50 yard hurdles, found himself outclassed in the finals.

NEGRO BOXING MEET TO OPEN ON WEDNESDAY

Entries For Amateur Event Closed With 160 On Tourney List

With entries closed on Feb. 12, the first annual Negro amateur boxing tournament scheduled for Wednesday at Smithfield Auditorium listed more than 160 entries. The huge field drawn from all over the state, gets into action in the mammoth maul event slated for three days at the Negro center with Negro Boys Club sponsoring the tournament.

The contestants are to report Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to be weighed in and examined at Smithfield Auditorium and the fights get under way at 7 o'clock.

L. S. Gailiard, president of Negro Boys Club, and William J. Moore, chairman of the athletic committee of Negro Boys Club, head the tournament, the first of its kind ever staged here.

The unusually heavy response made it necessary to close entries early for the tournament. It will require two nights with full programs of eliminations to get the field down to final proportions by Friday night.

A special section for white fans will be reserved at the auditorium and seats for Negro patrons will be at a premium. Reservations may be made at Negro Boys Club, for which proceeds of the tournament will be used.

NEW YORK TIMES SPORTS EDITOR LAUDS GREATNESS OF JOE LOUIS

Champion's Prowess and Public Reaction to Louis Lewis Bout is Text for Brilliant Piece By John Kieran

New York—One of the finest comments on the Louis-Lewis heavyweight bout of January 25th was that of John Kieran, sports editor of the New York Times, who true to the great tradition of the famous paper he represents, showed no bias in his report of the fight and gave the heavyweight champion full credit for the masterpiece of boxing skill he demonstrated.

Mr. Kieran's famous column, 'Sports of the TIMES' in the Friday, January 27th issue, commented on Joe Louis as follows:

PUNCHES AND BOUNCES
By John Kieran
(New York Times)

One odd thing in the wake of the Louis and Lewis (very limited) bout is the complete split in opinion between those who saw the fight and those who were somewhere else, receiving the news in various ways. Those who saw the swift destruction of John Henry walked out into the night tossing up their hats and babbling almost incoherently over Joe Louis, the magnificent fighting machine. He was, to put it mildly, terrific.

Uncle Mike Jacobs was standing in the lobby wearing what looked like a bearskin robe for an overcoat and a brown hat shaped like the understructure of a waffle iron, and not one of the eager chatterers streaming past him stopped to ask Uncle Mike for his money back. It may have been only temporary mental aberration, but the departing fight fans seemed to think that what they had seen was well worth the price of admission.

Incidentally, Uncle Mike Jacobs muttered with a vague smile on his face:

"So they thought Joe'd carry him. Well, he didn't carry him far!"

The Distant View

On the other hand, all too many from the ranks of those who were elsewhere when John Henry was being ripped apart and bounced around in the Garden have been cornering this observer and remarking what a silly sell the whole affair was.

"Think of paying money to see a fight that didn't last three minutes! What a joke that is!"

Better to see a magnificent fighting machine at work for three minutes than to sit through fifteen dull rounds of a heavyweight boxing championship like that Baer-Braddock peace party in the Garden Bowl.

"They never should have permitted John Henry Lewis to get into the ring with Joe Louis. It was no match at all.

It's easy to be wise after 'the event. Those who were "wise" ahead of time in the past were equally insistent that Dempsey should not be permitted to get into a ring with the great Willard, that Gene Tunney was no fit match for the ferocious Dempsey and that the boxing commissioners should be removed from office for letting poor Jim Braddock sign to fight the Great Big Baer, who undoubtedly would break all Braddock's antiquated bones in no time at all, fie for shame!

Anyway, the distant view seems to have been unanimous, judged from verbal bombardments to which this harried observer was subjected. It was no fight at all; it was a waste of time and money to have been there; the boxing commissioners should hand in their resignations for permitting such things, and they themselves are chuckling that they hadn't been trapped in the swindle.

General Satisfaction

Well, in a way, that leaves almost everybody satisfied. One exception might be John Henry Lewis. However, he escaped with his life, which should be no small satisfaction to him, and, incidentally, he seemed lucky at that. If Referee Arthur Donovan had stopped it some seconds sooner there were many onlookers who would have felt just a little more comfortable in their seats.

But aside from that, the satisfaction appears to be general. Those who paid money to see the bout went away apparently convinced that they had seen something remarkable and they couldn't stop talking about it. Those who stayed away are patting themselves on the back and telling friends and neighbors what smart fellows they were. Let it go at that.

To switch to another matter: some were talking of Babe Ruth, Bob Jones, Jack Dempsey, Bill Tilden and Man o' War, the five-star array of a glamorous era. The story was that neither we nor they nor those who come after us would ever see sports leaders like that again.

This observer never joined in that cry. On the contrary, the opinion in this corner was and is that some day there will be a greater ball player than even the big Bambino in his prime, that there will be a greater golfer than the Emperor Jones was in his grand-slam days, that a horse greater than Man 'o War will some day come galloping down the stretch and that the tennis court will see on some future afternoon a greater master than Tilden. As for the fighting clan, it is the opinion here that the greater fighter already is on the scene.' It's Joe Louis. The power behind his smashing fists is awe-inspiring to watch. Even so, those who live will some day see a harder hitter than the Shufflin' Joe Louis of today who stands so far above the fighting field

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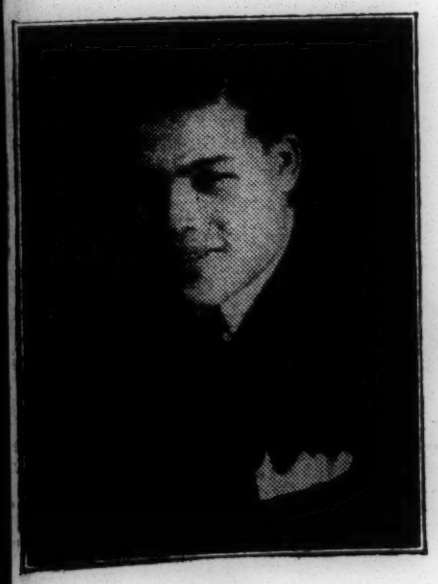
Ed Harris:

JOE OR JOHN ? ? ?

NEXT WEDNESDAY two gentlemen of color will climb into the ring at Madison Square Garden, and for the first time in a considerable number of years a heavyweight title will be contested in an all-Negro bout.

Now for some reason or other, which no one has yet been able to present, an all-colored fight is supposed to be of an inferior quality to a fight between two white men or one between a white and a colored man. As I said before, why, no one knows.



JOE

This idea, as in the case of every other crack-pot theory in the world, is Nordic in origin. The white man, saturated with his own importance, is full of the belief that where something happens in which he is not involved, nothing has happened.

However, you and I, who have seen many fight between two of the so-called superior race, have found on many occasions that we were wishing we had stayed home and not bothered to leave our bed and board, so dismal is the exhibition put on by the two chalks.

Conversely any colored fighter will tell you that he would sooner face a white pugilist than another colored one. For where mayhem is committed you will always find that somehow or other a colored lad likes to wreck havoc on one of his own hue. This, of course, is racial psychology.

Naturally, we sepians like to pummel our Caucasian brothers, wherever this is possible. This is racial psychology of another kind.

This fallacious theory of all-colored fights and another item, the friendship between Joe Louis and John Henry Lewis, are two reasons why critics of the impending embroglio, predict that an uninteresting event will take place Wednesday.

This friendship of Lewis and Louis is an interesting thing. It has been revered in the sports pages of the country as the romantic idyll between two very fine fellows. It has received the praise and good wishes of all sincere sports lovers.

But I wonder just how much this friendship is going to do towards making Joe Louis forget that John Henry has been for many years saying that he could whip the champ if he ever got the chance. And I wonder whether friendship will blind John Henry to the fact that the heavyweight crown is resting on the head of the man in the opposite corner and that if he knocks him off, it will rest on his head.

These are big things and something tells me that when the men enter the ring in New York next week that friendship will fly out the window, for the time being.

To make a profound observation, the battle next week will be one of two things.

It will be a quick knockout for Joe Louis, or it will be a long drawn-out, dry affair with the champ getting the decision.

Some two years ago your correspondent loudly and longly ballyhooed in favor of John Henry over Joe, should they ever get into the ring.

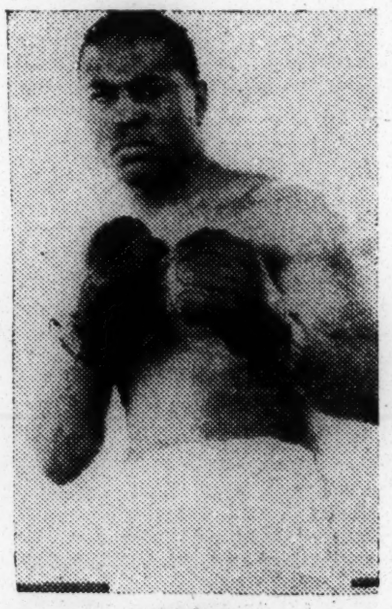
Time passes, however, and I string along with all those who believe that Joe Louis is the greatest fighter in the world.

In comparison John Henry suffers.

John has the greater experience admittedly. But he's feeling it and the too-true truth is that many more fights and John will be walking on his heels permanently.

John can box. And has anyone ever said that Joe Louis can't box?

John is a quick, clever thinker, probably more so than Louis. But he will have to think awfully fast to get out of the way of one of Joe's punches. For the man who absorbs a hard blow as easily as Lewis really has an unpleasant experience waiting for him.



JOHN

If Joe enters the ring with the intention of setting his man up and getting him out of the way in the most efficient manner possible, then John won't last the fifth round.

But if Joe decides to ride a bit and give John a fight, it will be an exhibition of beautiful boxing with John wishing he had been knocked out by time the tenth round comes up.

I hate to say it, for John has always been my boy, but I'm afraid that in the years to come whenever someone mentions January 25 his mind will go blank.

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If all-Ngro fights are so uninteresting to the average fan, then he is in for another unpleasant session because the reports have it that Roscoe Toles will get a shot at Joe in March. Toles earned the place by virtue of his two victories in New York rings.

Latest advices have it that plans have definitely been made for the promotion of the Howard-Lincoln games in this city permanently. Authorities in charge of the classic believe that the game can be regularly promoted so as to draw crowds such as that which attended the game here in 1937.

Your correspondent recalls that following the past game, he suggested such a move because of the seeming lack of interest in the game in Washington, which interest is diverted by games staged by other schools near the Capital City.

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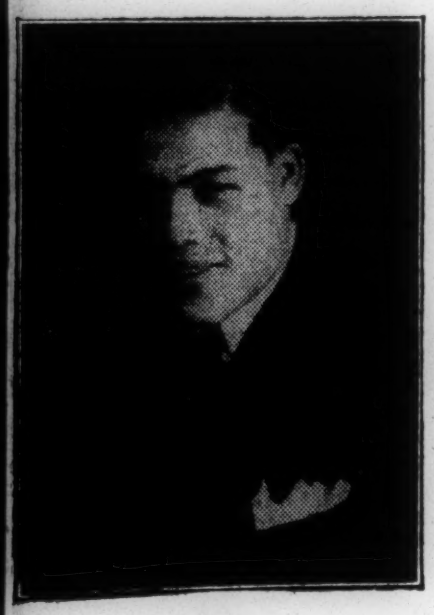

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Conversely any colored fighter will tell you that he would sooner face a white pugilist than another colored one. For where mayhem is committed you will always find that somehow or other a colored lad likes to wreck havoc on one of his own hue. This, of course, is racial psychology.

Naturally, we sepians like to pummel our Caucasian brothers, wherever this is possible. This is racial psychology of another kind.

This fallacious theory of all-colored fights and another item, the friendship between Joe Louis and John Henry Lewis, are two reasons why critics of the impending embroglio, predict that an uninteresting event will take place Wednesday.

This friendship of Lewis and Louis is an interesting thing. It has been revered in the sports pages of the country as the romantic idyll between two very fine fellows. It has received the praise and good wishes of all sincere sports lovers.

But I wonder just how much this friendship is going to do towards making Joe Louis forget that John Henry has been for many years saying that he could whip the champ if he ever got the chance. And I wonder whether friendship will blind John Henry to the fact that the heavyweight crown is resting on the head of the man in the opposite corner and that if he knocks him off, it will rest on his head.

These are big things and something tells me that when the men enter the ring in New York next week that friendship will fly out the window, for the time being.

To make a profound observation, the battle next week will be one of two things.

It will be a quick knockout for Joe Louis, or it will be a long drawn-out, dry affair with the champ getting the decision.

Some two years ago your correspondent loudly and longly ballyhooed in favor of John Henry over Joe, should they ever get into the ring.

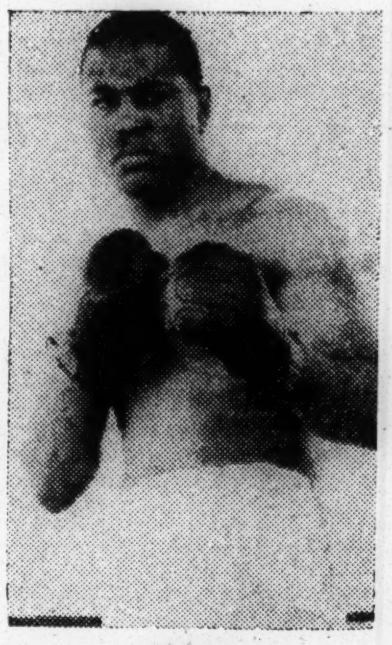
Time passes, however, and I string along with all those who believe that Joe Louis is the greatest fighter in the world.

In comparison John Henry suffers.

John has the greater experience admittedly. But he's feeling it and the too-true truth is that many more fights and John will be walking on his heels permanently.

John can box. And has anyone ever said that Joe Louis can't box?

John is a quick, clever thinker, probably more so than Louis. But he will have to think awfully fast to get out of the way of one of Joe's punches. For the man who absorbs a hard blow as easily as Lewis really has an unpleasant experience waiting for him.



JOHN

If Joe enters the ring with the intention of setting his man up and getting him out of the way in the most efficient manner possible, then John won't last the fifth round.

But if Joe decides to ride a bit and give John a fight, it will be an exhibition of beautiful boxing with John wishing he had been knocked out by time the tenth round comes up.

I hate to say it, for John has always been my boy, but I'm afraid that in the years to come whenever someone mentions January 25 his mind will go blank.

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If all-Ngro fights are so uninteresting to the average fan, then he is in for another unpleasant session because the reports have it that Roscoe Toles will get a shot at Joe in March. Toles earned the place by virtue of his two victories in New York rings.

Latest advices have it that plans have definitely been made for the promotion of the Howard-Lincoln games in this city permanently. Authorities in charge of the classic believe that the game can be regularly promoted so as to draw crowds such as that which attended the game here in 1937.

Your correspondent recalls that following the past game, he suggested such a move because of the seeming lack of interest in the game in Washington, which interest is diverted by games staged by other schools near the Capital City.

Times Wide World

FINISH OF 50-YARD FINAL AT JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dunn (second from left) of Clark beating Carroll of Douglass in race for seventy-five-pounders at 245th Coast Defense Armory yesterday

State College, Talladega Girls Play Saturday

Infantile Paralysis Drive Is To Benefit

The State Teachers College has set aside the game to be played between the State girls and Talladega girls here Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock as a benefit game in the fight which is being waged against infantile paralysis by the committee for the celebration of the President's birthday. This action comes in response to a request from Grantland Rice, chairman of National Sports Council, who is lining up the sports world in this noble cause. Half of the monies raised will be turned over to the National Foundation and the other half will go to the local chairman of the committee for the celebration of the President's birthday. 'Bama State girls have been playing well all season, losing only one game out of four played, and a thrilling exhibition is promised all fans who attend the benefit show.

Varsity Hornets will be away this weekend. They play in Talladega Friday night, and meet Morehouse in Atlanta Saturday night. Two more games on the home schedule beginning at 7:00 p.m. Friday night find the freshmen and high school boys playing the freshmen and high school boys from Tuskegee in an attractive double-bill. It will be the first test for the newly-organized freshman five which will play an abbreviated schedule of its own this year. A number of good players who did not quite make the varsity five are in the freshman lineup and the Friday game is attracting considerable interest.

The Hornets suffered their first setback of the season down at New Orleans Monday night when they fell before Xavier, 41-18, in a contest in which they exhibited the poorest form of the present campaign. Some of the sting was taken out of the defeat, however, by the Hornet girls' 44-29 triumph over the girls of Xavier in the curtain-raiser on the same bill.

La Harris:

SENT BRUD HOLLAND AS ASSISTANT COACH — BUT EVEN THAT IS A TOUGH JOB

IF ever there was a hell on earth for football coaches, Lincoln University, Chester County, Pennsylvania, is that place.

And now I understand they are about to invite young Brud Holland, fresh out of school, to spend a while there.

Tradition has it that every man must go through a baptism of fire to prove his worth. If Mr. Holland has any doubts as to his ability one year on this campus will let him know just what is what.

Incidentally, I have been corrected as to Holland's standing at the school should he be invited and should he accept. His position will be that of assistant coach to Head Coach Manuel Rivero, whose position has been the target spot for the gay and merciless firing of the alumni since the past season ended.

This being true, Holland will have a better break, because no man, least of all an untrained youth from a white college, should try to break into a coaching job in a colored school without considerable and lengthy exposure to the atmosphere that customarily surrounds the Negro school.

However, the matter is still something nebulous and the year may pass without Holland getting any nearer Lincoln than the road to Washington.

But what of Lincoln? It has seen coaches come and coaches go. Some have departed and sunk further into oblivion, others have gone onwards and upwards and have proved their worth on foreign fields.

Meanwhile as this quick turnover in coaching material continues at Lincoln, men in other schools hold on to their jobs without fear of waking up and finding that someone else is to occupy the coach's residence.

Hucles at Union, Jefferson at State, Hurt at Morgan; any number of others. Why is this so? These fellows have bad years and yet they hold on. No one cries for their scalps. No players rebel and go on emotional sit-down strikes. No rabble or alumni coasts out with the firm intention of saying just what will be and what won't.

I'll tell you why.

Because in the greater number of these schools the football coach is boss of his job. He accepts no other domination in his department save his own; nor does he have to worry about the interference of others. He is boss and will remain so as long as he has the job.

There's Harry Jefferson of State, who used to be at Bluefield; Jefferson who in one momentous interview told a certain fraternity clique on one of his teams that he was coach and that if they didn't like his teaching they could quit. Even though the clique contained two of the best players of his team.

Jefferson who threw a player off the team on a crucial trip because he had come in half an hour after Jeff told the players to get to bed.

There is Hucles, who will listen and accept suggestions from others with the definite understanding that he will accept or reject the suggestion according to the way it strikes him.

And, of course no one ever questions whether Hurt is boss at Morgan. That is taken for granted.

Certainly these men and the others like them hurt someone's feelings some of the time. Then why is it that their scalps are still intact and they are not looking for a new job at the end of each season in the renown custom of Lincoln?

Because through some intelligent acceptance on the part of other portions of college life that the football coach has a definite job to do and should be left alone to do it.

Such an attitude is what Lincoln needs and what Lincoln does not have. Either directly or indirectly there is interference. The campus fraternities interfere with their boosting of players who happen to be "brothers". The alumni interfere with mouthings and tacit approval of evidence of independence by students and players whenever the coach's status becomes doubtful. Sometimes the administration interferes, though I would not make this charge as far as Lincoln is concerned except that the college has a definite belief that football should not interfere with the scholastic side of the student's life. This will result in missing practice because of class and other study calls and similar incidents which hurt the progress of the team regardless of how well intentioned the action.

Finally and most important of all is the football material itself. For some reason or other most of the successful football coaches have found it best not to use more than twelve or fifteen plays. It seems that too many maneuvers bear heavily on the brains of the collective players and interfere with their thinking. To a fellow fresh from a white college and white ways of thinking, landing a job in a Negro school is like being in a foreign land. There is a different language, a different philosophy, a different psychology. And believe me, he catches hell before he really absorbs all this new material.

So Brud, don't say I didn't warn you.

LEWIS RATED AS STRONG FOE FOR JOE LOUIS

Manager Of Light-Heavy Champ At Least Sees Chance For Win

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK — (AP) — Large Gu Greenlee, the Pittsburgh citizen who manages the affairs of John Henry Lewis, the fighter, dropped in t got a 50-50 chance of winning the championship, and that's all we want—just a 50-50 chance.

"John Henry's weight for this fight will be about 185 pounds. At that weight he hits hard enough to hurt any fighter living, and he's the best boxer in the ring today above the middleweight division. I'm not just talking. That's something everybody knows.

"I'll tell you another thing. Out in San Francisco where they've seen John Henry fight the most they think he's a cinch to whip Joe Louis and win the heavyweight championship. Those folks out there know fighters, too.

"There's only one thing I'm a little afraid of. My boy is too hotheaded. When he gets tagged he doesn't know anything except to fight back.

"I would rather he would be a little more cautious against Louis, but I know he won't. He would rather get knocked out than run away from Joe like Bob Pastor did. I promise you it will be a fight."

Evidently feeling he had done his full duty, Greenlee lifted his bulk and returned to Summit, N. J., where John Henry is training. Joe, the champ, has begun battering up sparring partners at Pompton Lakes, N. J.

warn your correspondent not to be too sure that John Henry will get his ears batted down by Joe Louis the champion, when they meet in their 15 rounder at the garden on Jan. 25.

"There's a lot of fellows making a mistake about this fight," said Greenlee, confidentially, as he sat down and overflowed the largest chair in the room. "How do you feel about it? Do you think my boy's going to get licked easy?"

Your correspondent told him that, since picking Ellsworth Vines to beat Donald Budge in tennis the other night, he had decided to do a lot less predicting in all branches of sport, hence had no real convictions in the matter.

"Well, then, I'll tell you something about it," said Gus. "This is gonna be a real fight and my boy, John Henry, ain't gonna run any from Joe Louis. John Henry thinks he's

John Henry Throws Hooks With Left So Li'l Artha Picks Bomber To Win

BY JOHN LARDNER
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NEW YORK, Jan. 6—In a combined flea circus and museum of oddities, with slides and a strip tease on the side, Jack Johnson gives a lecture five times daily on the manly art of self-defense. Between sermons, you will find the former heavyweight champion of the world playing rummy with a substitute barber and winning, for the most part—in a cubbyhole about 10 by six in the cellar of the joint.

Li'l Artha's dressing room contains two outstanding props, besides the pack of cards. On a chair close by him is the Johnson beret. The old champ has been wearing this Basque millinery for nigh on to 20 years. In the open you will never catch him without a beret on his shining cranium.

The other prop is a picture—plucked with a shrewd eye from the movies of the first Louis-Schmeling fight and planted as a still. It shows Joe Louis coming in with a left, at close quarters and exposing his whole right side, including the chin, to a right-hand punch which Schmeling has already cocked and marked for delivery.

Ammunition For Arguments

It is pretty obvious from the picture that Joe is about to be clipped, and clipped good. Whenever a fight argument comes up in Jack Johnson's dressing room, and fight arguments come up all the time, the brown wizard of Galveston reaches out for the photograph and shows you why Joe Louis will never be a Jack Johnson.

Johnson likes to hammer this point home, and it's hard to blame him. All through his reign as heavyweight champion, he was booed by crowds and kicked around in print. Naturally, the old master's happy-go-lucky attitude toward life had something to do with that.

He didn't get rich, and he never tasted the sweet flavor of acclaim. Every day he reads of Louis' beautiful private life, and Louis' income tax rating, and Louis' devastating punch, and it's not surprising that it gets under his saddle-colored skin.

"No wonder Schmeling got killed in that second fight," says Johnson. "Schmeling had no business in there. He wasn't fit to fight. What he did to Louis in the first fight, any good fighter can still do the same thing. The boy can be tagged with a right any minute.

"And he can't hit you if you move around. Everybody which moved around, like Bob Pastor and Tommy Farr, went the distance with Louis.

What was the name of that eye talian? Yes, Perroni. Perroni giv him a real going over.

"People claim I'm jealous, bu that picture shows what I mea about Louis. I ain't jealous. I jus state facts. I called the turn o that first Schmeling fight. I coul see what was coming to the boy and I called it."

"Well, you got credit for that Jack," says a visitor. "We saw it the papers that you called th turn."

Not Enough Credit

"I didn't see much credit going around," says Lil' Artha Curtly. "They all jump on Jack Johnson When he calls it right, they don't mention it much, but all his life they talk about what a bu mhe is and what a bad actor. What did I ever do? Was I a boozer? Did I get drunk in bars and blow off? Nossir I handled myself with dignity. Bu all my life they been riding me."

"How about Louis's fight with John Henry Lewis"

"Louis will win that one," says Johnson, cooling off and looking sidelong at the picture on the card table. "I say he'll win that one, all right, because John Henry Lewis is got a weakness. He's smart, but he can't hit straight with his left. He hooks it. You can't beat Joe Lewis with no left hook. He'll beat you to that punch. A good straight left, from a boy that moves around, will whip Louis, but John Henry ain't got it. He hooks his left.

"You got to keep Louis off balance. Let him get set, and he punches fast and hard. Move around, stab him with a god straight left, keep him off balance, and nail him with a right when he tries to lead from that clumsy stance. That's the whole secret, stance. He can't hit you off the wrong leg. Nobody can do that. And you got him on the wrong leg when you stab him and pull him out of his set position.

"I wish I was fighting today. I don't boast when I say that. You young men, you don't know, but if you ask around you'll find out that nobody ever hit me with no kind of punches. I fiught great fighters. There was great white fighters and great black fighters in my day. But I hit them, and they didn't hit me."

Jack Johnson shakes his head a little, and riffles the dead rummy hand in front of him. He isn't boasting. He believes what he says, with passionate conviction. He thinks about it all the time. And the people—surprisingly few of them, because he did not fight for big audiences in this country—the people who saw him, for the most part, agree with him.

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Mobile, Ala. Press
January 5, 1939

HAWAII INVITES NEGRO TEAM

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(U.P.)—LeMoyne Negro College's Mad Magicians second ranking negro college football team in the nation, has been invited to play the University of Hawaii at Honolulu on December 3, 1940. The game would be a benefit affair.

Champions In Various Branches Of Sport In Year Just Rounded Out

Here is your check list of colored athletes and team holding world or national titles for 1938.

BASEBALL:

Negro National League—Homestead Greys.

Negro American League—Memphis Red Sox.

BASKETBALL:

World Professional—Renaissance Big Five.

CIAA—Virginia State.

Southern Conference—Xavier.

BOXING:

Heavyweight—Joe Louis.

Light Heavyweight—John Henry Lewis.

Welterweight—Henry Armstrong.

Lightweight—Henry Armstrong.

NATIONAL A. A. U.:

160-Pound Class—Bradley Lewis, Salem Crescent.

FOOTBALL:

Colored Intercollegiate A. A.—Virginia State.

Southern Conference—Florida A. and M. College.

South Atlantic—Georgia State.

Southwest—Southern and Langston (tie).

Mid-West—Kentucky State.

TRACK AND FIELD:

(National Outdoor Champions)

100 Meters—Ben Johnson, N. Y. Curb Exchange.

200 Meters—Mack Robinson, University of Oregon.

High Jump—Melvin Walker, Ohio State.

Broad Jump—Bill Lacefield, U. C. L. A.

Pentathlon—John Borican, Virginia State.

(Women's National Outdoor Champion)

Team—Tuskegee Institute.

100 Meters—Miss Lula Hymes, Tuskegee.

400 Meter Relay—Tuskegee.

Broad Jump—Miss Lula Hymes, Tuskegee.

(National Indoor Champions)

60 Meters—Ben Johnson, Columbia University.

600 Meters—James Herbert, N. Y. U

High Jump—Lloyd Thompson, Xavier University.

Broad Jump—Eddie Gordon, Grand St. Boys' Club.

(National Collegiate A. A. Champions)

100 Yard Dash—Mozelle Ellerbe Tuskegee.

220 Yard Dash—Mack Robinson Oregon.

880 Yard Run—John Woodruff, Pittsburgh.

Broad Jump—Bill Lacefield, U. C. L. A.

High Jump—Dave Albritton, Ohio State; Gil Cruter, Colorado (tie).

(I. C. 4A. Outdoor Champions)

440 Yard Run—John Woodruff, Pittsburgh.

880 Yard Run—John Woodruff Pittsburgh.

60 Yard Dash—Ben Johnson Columbia.

WEIGHT LIFTING:

(National A. A. U. Champion)

132-Pound Class—John Terry.

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January 8, 1939

NEGROES STAGE TOURNEY

Table Tennis Meet To Be Sponsored By Negro "Y" Jan. 28

A citywide negro table tennis tournament will be sponsored by the negro Y.M.C.A. Jan. 28 at the Church Park Auditorium. Eugene E. Thomas, branch secretary, will be in charge of the meet. Activity will be in two divisions, boys and adults. Registration dates have been set for Jan. 10-21.

SPORTS-1939

Over 6,000 Florida Fans See Miami Preps Take 'Skegee Dec. 25

By NORMAN H. BULLARD

MIAMI, Fla.—(SNS)—

B. T. W. Tornadoes' famed all-state quarterback, young Bernard Ingraham, disclosed to an inspired Tuskegee High School eleven the reason why he was picked as an all-state back as he led the Golden Tornadoes to a 19 to 0 victory before an enthusiastic Christmas gathering of 6,000 fans, who saw the determined Tornadoes blast the Baby Tigers almost into oblivion on Monday, December 26, at Dorsey Park, Miami, Florida.

B. T W. kicked off to Tuskegee, and on three plays the Baby Tigers made 5 yards. On the next play they kicked to Miami, who took the pig skin on her own twenty yard line and in six plays netted a gain of some seventy yards placing the oval on Tuskegee's ten yard shiripe. From this point, Ingraham skirted left end behind a mass like interference for the initial score of the game. Kimbal's placement kick for the point was good. In the first quarter of the game the score read B. T. W. 7; Tuskegee 0.

In the second period Lemuel Kemp, the young running mate of Ingraham, set up the stage for the second touchdown by making 35 yards on a sneak through the right side of Tuskegee's line. On the next play, with his legs working in perfect zig zag and razzle dazzle form, Ingraham started around right end and on a triple lateral pass play. Before gaining complete control of the ball Ingraham fumbled momentarily, picked the oval up, and with the entire Tuskegee line crashing in on him from his right side this invincible lad reversed the entire field and skirted around left end for 65 yards and the second touchdown of the game. This run from all angles was one of the prettiest that the local fans had seen this season. It disclosed the best side stepping and shaking off would-be tacklers that even yours truly has seen in a long time. The ans were literally taken to their feet. The try for point was no good. The half ended with the score reading B T. W. 13, Tuskegee 0.

With the second half underway, the Baby Tigers, who entered the game with an even chance of victory, proved to be no set-up for the local boys. They threatened to score three times during the entire game but each time they were unable to cross the promise land. At one time the Tigers were inside the Tornadoes' twenty yard line, and it was only due to the superb playing of the Tornadoes' whole line that they were able to halt the charge of the Tigers. Later in this same period the Tornadoes recovered a fumbled punt on Tuskegee's 15 yard line.

Hudson, Kemp and Taylor alternated in carrying the ball up to the Tuskegee five yard line, from which point the machine like Ingraham, on another one of those reverse sneaks, skirted left end for the final score of the game. The try for point was again no good.

The final period found Tuskegee taking to the air, only to find the Tornadoes on their track. Alfred "Shakespeare" Campbell the Tornadoes' right tackle playing one of the greatest games of his career dislocated a shoulder, and was forced to leave the game.

Outstanding players of the game were as follows: for Tuskegee J. Brown, Hodges, Sears, and Head, while Rolle C. Taylor, S. Johnson, Kemp, E. Taylor, S. Johnson starred for the local in addition to the sensational feats of the formidable Ingraham.

On next Monday, January 2, the Tornadoes will clash with the strong Stephens Lee High School of Asheville, N. C. I'm picking B T. W. by three touchdowns.

The lineups follows:

MIAMI	Pos.	Tuskegee
Kimbal	RE	Cotton
Campbell	RT	J. Brown
Wilson	RG	R. Carter
C. Taylor	C	Byrd
P. Rolle	LG	Sears
J. McFagdon	LT	Kitt
Curry	LE	Thompson
Ingraham	QB	E. Carter
E. Taylor	RHB	Head
Kemp	LHB	Hodges
Hudson	FB	Williams

Officials: Benson, (Clark) Referee; Pieze (Famcee) Umpire; Hawkins (Famcee) headlinesman; Lewis (Meharry) Field Judge.

Armstrong Honored By Home Town Folks

LOS ANGELES, Jan.—(ANP)—In a public entertainment staged for the benefit of needy families and underprivileged children, Henry Armstrong, thrice world's champion was the honor guest at the Central Baptist church last Thursday night. An imposing list of leading citizens and famous folk from all walks of life were on the honor guest list. Leon Washington, editor-publisher of the Los Angeles Sentinel, officiated as master of ceremonies.

Among the invited guests were Al Jolson, movie star; Lou and Jack Daro, Olympic auditorium promoters; George Raft, movie star; Kid Gallery, Olympic director; Joe Waterman, Olympic matchmaker; Augustus Hawkins, assemblyman; Paul Williams, architect; Baxter Scruggs, YMCA secretary; Thelma, Melba and Velma Brown, radio artists, and Iola Brinster, U. S. C. elocutionist.

HENRY news

Armstrong Wins Three Titles To Be Among Leading Stars Of 1938

BY GRANTLAND RICE

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LOS ANGELES—In a year of unusual and exceptional high spots—one of the Mt. Everest years of sport — a spindle-legged colored fighter by the name of Henry Armstrong contributes an outstanding feat in this respect. He splits the high-spot division three ways.

Others have won championships. But Hammering Henry has won three championships in three different sections of the pugilistic assortment, to set a new all-time world's record for a one-year turn.

When a fighter can take away the crown in the 126-pound reservation and then later come along to whip a fellow as big as Ceferino Garcia at 147, he must have an elastic system that can retract and expand beyond normal human power.

After taking over the 126-pound title Armstrong moved up to the welterweight scramble to take the 147-pound crown from Barney Ross. Later on he knocked the crown from Lightweight Champion Lou Ambers' head, to sweep a championship range of 21 pounds, facing a world's champion in each test. And 21 pounds goes double in the lighter weights.

I think there was a time when Harry Greb might have won the middleweight, light - heavy and heavyweight titles at his peak — but the answer is that Greb never did. Armstrong set his three-title course and made good at every offensive.

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Armstrong comes fairly close to being the greatest fighter, pound for pound, that I ever saw. He isn't the greatest puncher, even at his select weight. He isn't the greatest boxer in any of his conquered divisions. But he is as game as any man that ever stepped into a ring. And he can throw more singing leather in a fight than any man that ever stepped on the gas.

I once thought that Harry Greb was a marvel in this respect. But Greb was no Armstrong.

Armstrong could set a pace that no opponent could hope to match. He has been tireless in attack. His sole objective was to overwhelm his rival—banking on machine-gun fire against the howitzer or the blasting bigger shells.

Armstrong is far more cunning and canny than you might suspect. He gave me his system.

"You've written a lot about the importance of balance," he said. "You know the part it plays in every sport. You know when Jack Dempsey had time to get his balance all set just what he could do. But even Dempsey couldn't get balanced against such boxers as Tom Gibbons, Gene Tunney or Harry Greb (in a training camp workout). You can't do much off balance—unless you are lucky.

"So I figure out one of the best ways is to keep the other fellow off balance. The only way you can do this is to pile in on top of him—and keep on top of him. Just never quit swinging.

"Now I understand that Joe Gans and Benny Leonard could measure their men, and then let go. I can't do that. I never tried. But I'll tell you something. It might surprise you to know how hard it is to measure anybody when you have a flock of gloves flying away at your face and body.

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"You know," Hammering Henry said, "even a flick on the nose will upset your balance. It doesn't take much to keep a fellow from getting set and socking you.

"And here's another angle I worked out. If you take the offensive and keep it going, the other fellow as a rule starts in to protect himself. He turns from attack to defense. Nobody likes to keep on getting hit in the stomach or around the face. And if he keeps on getting hit, he isn't going to be able to set himself to land a good, solid punch. So I just keep on throwing punches, as fast as I can and as hard as I can.

"I'll miss a lot—but I'll land a lot. I keep my head weaving and bobbing, so I don't take as many punches as fans think I take. At least they don't land solidly. If you keep fast, then the other fellow has to keep fast, or try to. This doesn't help his power. He is hurrying his leather.

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"Don't forget," he said, "there are times when you have to take a lot of punishment to carry this through. When I met Ambers I had a bad lip. Lou had a good uppercut for my style of attack. He is a good, tough, game kid that you can't scare. He just kept throwing that uppercut and most of these landed on my split lip. It wasn't any fun wading into that uppercut. I knew what was coming. But I still had to keep on wading in.

"I just had to take it that night, swallow my blood, and keep on swinging. If I had stayed away, then we'd both have looked bad. There wouldn't have been much of a fight.

"I like to crowd and swing—to crowd and keep punching. I don't pretend to be a fancy boxer or a fighter with a killing punch. I just try to be a fighter—to keep on fighting every second I am in the ring. I mean that. Seconds count with me. I don't want to waste any time. Every second should mean a punch, whether it hits or misses. I'm just a fighter.

"I never think much about defending myself, except by rolling or weaving. I don't do much ducking. I just try to keep them from nailing me with a solid punch on the chin. If I can keep on top of them, then they ain't going to get on top of me.

"If they can swing faster and harder than I do, then I'm up against it. But they'll have to hurry. Nobody yet has ever had to wait for me to lead or start the fireworks. I like to do my own starting, and that means a second after the bell has rung. Or maybe a split second if I can get in fast enough. I just want to upset that balance, and that means both physical and mental. I know it's been a great help to me."

ANENT TUSKEGEE

What was wrong with Tuskegee during the past season? This is a question that we have asked rather frequently since we hit the state some ten days ago. And to date we have received no answer which we might term as complete.

Still one or two of the fellows have given some pretty good explanations. One fellow explains thus: (He's a Tuskegee student).

"Tuskegee has quit giving athletic scholarships, and the material just wasn't there fore the "Duke." There are lots of schools who are now doing more to extend favors to good athletes than the Macon County institution of learning, and that gallant array of stars who once strutted the Crimson and Gold are now going places where they can get better breaks. Add this situation to the fact that other schools in the country have been constantly improving their football machinery during the past few years and you will have a pretty good reason why the Tuskegee Tiger has been growing tamer and tamer during the past few years."

Most of the boys down this way are of the opinion that Alabama State should have made a much better record. The trouble with State, they explain, is that the players, on a majority of them, just will not train. State reached dizzy heights in turning back Tuskegee on Thanksgiving Day, and with a little more punch, the fellows explain, the Hornets could have gone through the season undefeated. Anyway the boys are looking for the Montgomery boys to be [illegible] next season.

FLOWERS FOR COACH MUNDAY

The boys in these parts are still weeping, wailing and gnashing their teeth over the loss of Coach Ray Munday from the Tuskegee staff, but all are tickled pink to note that the dear coach is doing a great work at A. & I. State. Says a Tuskegee fan:

"If you fellows will give Mr. Munday a free rein up there and lend him your co-operation he will put State College and Nashville, too, on the football map in a big way. He's really a swell guy."

SPORT LIFE

Ken Magazine Prints 'Explanation'

CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (ANP)—Negroes have "quit protesting" against the refusal of Northern coaches to insist on playing their colored stars against Southern teams because coaches let it be known that they might keep Negro players off their teams altogether rather than submit to such "pressure," says an article in the Dec. 10 edition of Ken, the magazine published by Esquire.

Says the article:

Football contracts for games involving Dixieland universities against northern or western schools that may have Negro players, usually restrict eligibility to 'members of the Caucasian race.' This clause is generally waived when the southern teams play in other territories.

"Formerly, protests of Negro organizations against the restriction handicapped colored kids who were trying to win places on northern teams that had southern games in prospect.

"A Big Ten coach whose team had scheduled a game in the South and a colored kid who starred in the coach's line, were responsible for the discontinuance of the organized Negro complaints against the restriction. The coach, assailed in letters, telegrams and telephone messages from Negroes, called in his colored player.

"Have I done everything I can to help you get through school and to make you a great football player?" the coach asked. The kid acknowledged the coach's help.

"Have the other kids on the team treated you right?" "Every one of them does fine by me' the boy testified.

"And here's what we get for it." The coach displayed a stack of telegrams and letters in which Negro organizations and individuals insisted that the kid be taken south with the team. 'If this keeps up, I'll never again go through the trouble of having a colored boy on a team of mine. The Negroes try to be bossier than the alumni."

"Let me answer a few of those. They're putting you and me both on the spot. The boy sifted the stack and left the room with an assortment of wires and letters. In less than a week the protest had died out.

"News of the incident got to other coaches. That's the inside of how colored kids retained an even chance as northern varsity football candidates."

Although no names are given, it is possible that the "colored kid" was Willis Ward and the coach Harry Kipke then of Michigan.

HENRY ARMSTRONG BEATS ARIZMENDI

(From Yesterday's Final Edition)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10—(AP)—Two-crown Henry Armstrong won a grueling 10-round decision over Baby Arizmendi Tuesday night in a bout recognized by the California Athletic Commission as a world welterweight championship match.

LOUIS

And Schmeling Topped Ring Events Of 1938, Says Grantland Rice

BY GRANTLAND RICE

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LOS ANGELES—Joe Louis won the heavyweight championship of the world by knocking out Jim Braddock at Chicago in June of 1937. Late that Summer he defended it against the rugged assault of Tommy Farr. By all the ordinary standards of the ring, he was a real champion—a fighting champion. And yet, across the throne where he sat in dusky splendor, lay the shadow of Max Schmeling.

Schmeling had knocked him out in 1936 and shattered the myth of his invincibility. Schmeling, in that fight, had earned the right to fight Braddock for the title. But Schmeling had been pushed aside for Louis and now that Louis was champion there were many who thought that he feared Schmeling and that Schmeling could beat him again. There were others who, although they didn't believe that, felt that Joe had to beat the German to clear his title.

Among those who felt that was Louis—felt it even more keenly, perhaps, than anyone. He wasn't interested in fighting anyone else. He wanted Schmeling. He believed he had been careless against Max in June of 1936 and he realized, looking back, that he didn't have an adequate defense against Schmeling's dynamic right.

But those days were behind him. He was champion now and a better fighter than he had been the night Schmeling stretched him on the canvas after giving him a frightful beating from the fourth round on. And next time he wouldn't be careless. No fighter ever more earnestly wanted a chance to avenge himself. Schmeling, clamoring for an opportunity to regain the title he once held, was no more eager than Louis. The match was a cinch to make.

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Schmeling was confident that he would beat Louis again in the fashion that he had employed before. He would let Louis fire at him, take his punches, walk into him, feint him into an opening for a right hand—and then nail him and start him reeling again on the road to ruin. I had dinner with Max one night at Speculator where he trained. There was little fight talk around the table. Max preferred to talk about hunting and fishing—and a tame squirrel that came every day along about sunset to feed from his hand. He had been very impressive in a workout an hour or two before dinner. I thought, as I watched him, that I never had seen a more perfectly trained athlete. And I thought as we sat at the dinner table, that I never had seen one with greater confidence and greater poise.

Only once—and that was near the end of the meal—did I mention the fight.

"Max," I said, "they tell me Louis says he will not fight a counter fight this time but at the opening bell will come rushing out of his corner, throwing punches at you."

Max smiled.

"It will be the first time," he said.

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He meant that fighters, once they have settled into a style, almost never change it. See a man fight one way and you know his style. There have been fighters who have changed. At Pompton Lakes, where Louis was training, Jack Blackburn was trying to change his style—trying to make him more aggressive—trying to make him come out punching at the opening bell. Louis, as I had told Max, had said that he would do that. But Blackburn was a little worried. Joe was doing what Jack wanted him to do in training. But Blackburn knew that nobody could know for certain that when Joe found himself in the ring with Schmeling, he wouldn't revert to his old style.

Louis wasn't so hot in training. He was in good shape but his boxing varied from day to day. He had a better crew of sparring partners than he ever had had before and some days he looked very good against them, hustling them around the ring and hitting them cleanly with both hands. Other days he looked cautious and almost sluggish and his sparring partners hit him with every right hand they threw at him.

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Then came the fight. It lasted two minutes and four seconds—but into that brief time Louis crowded one of the greatest shows a fight crowd ever saw.

He came out fighting and fired punches at Schmeling as soon as he was within range. Schmeling, surprised, tried to back off but Louis followed and hooked him with rights and lefts to the head. Schmeling didn't break ground now. He thought he could take Louis' punches as he had taken them through the first three rounds of their first fight. Then Louis nailed him with a left hook and he reeled toward the ropes. Louis sprang after him and hooked him again.

Schmeling was hurt, stunned, terrified. Panic closed in about him. He grabbed the top rope with his right hand—and then, as Louis hurled punches at him, couldn't let go. He turned his left side to Louis and tried to cover his head with his left arm and Louis almost broke him in half with a punch over the left kidney that hurt him so much he cried out. His head was outside the ropes as he tried to vain to get away from the champion. The top rope was across his throat and as his knees sagged the weight of his body was on his throat and it looked as though he might be strangled by the rope.

Referee Arthur Donovan stepped between them and waved Louis away and gave Schmeling a chance to get off the ropes. Schmeling turned to face Louis but the German was too badly hurt to pull the fight out now. He threw one right-hand punch at Louis that landed but didn't hurt and then Louis knocked him down.

Max came up without a count—for by now the fog was thick over his brain—and Louis knocked him down again. A third time Louis hammered him down and then Max Machon hurled a towel into the ring. Donovan picked up the towel and threw it out of the ring and went on counting. Schmeling couldn't rise at 10 and Louis was, beyond doubt or cavil, the heavyweight champion of the world.

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Tuskegee Relays Definitely Set For May 12-13

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Tuskegee's 13th Annual Relay Carnival will be held in the Alumni Bowl at the Institute, Saturday, May 13, it was announced today by Cleve L. Abbott, manager of the Relays Friday, May 12, the 11th annual Junior and Senior Women's Track and Field Championships will be held at the Institute.

The 12th Annual Southern Inter-Collegiate Tennis Tournament and the 3rd Annual National Inter-Scholastic Tennis Tournament will be held on the Championship Courts at the Institute, May 12 and 13. The events scheduled from the inter-collegiate tennis men and women are men's and women's singles and doubles. The inter-scholastic tennis events are boy's and girls' singles and doubles and singles and doubles.

The Second Annual Inter-Collegiate Golf Championships for men and women will be held on the beautiful 9 hole golf course at the Institute, May 12 and 13. The medalist last year was Alfred Holmes, Tuskegee senior. Holmes will defend his championship. Morehouse College, last year's winner of the team championship will defend its title.

Among the Institutions that will send representatives are: State Teachers College, Talladega College, Fisk Univ., LeMoyne College, Lane College, Prairie View State College, Wiley College, Langston University, Knoxville College, South Carolina State College, Benedict College, Southern University, Dillard University, Morehouse College, Clark University, Morris Brown College, Florida A. and M. College, Xavier University, Jackson College, Lincoln University, Howard University and Wilberforce University.

These events will bring to the Institute about 300 athletes from the various colleges and universities.

FANS CHEER HIM

HENRY ARMSTRONG, holder of two crowns, drew a big hand from the audience Wednesday night when he stepped into the Madison Square Garden, New York City, fight ring to greet Joe Louis and John Henry Lewis.

Henry Armstrong Offered $5,000 To Meet Italian

ROCHESTER, N. Y.—(SNS)—Henry Armstrong, lightweight and welterweight boxing champion, Monday was offered $5,000 to meet Francesco Montanari, Italian welterweight who scored an impressive three-round knockout over Jimmy Clark, of Jamestown, in his first bout in this country two weeks ago.

The offer was telegraphed to Eddie Meade, Armstrong's manager, in Los Angeles, by Gus Brown, manager of Montanari. It is proposed that the bout be sometimes in March.

Clark Thinks White Press Is Wrong About Title Cheapening

Says Fact That Two Colored Fighters Are Meeting January 25 Does Not Mean Crown Is Losing Value

By JOHN L. CLARK

PITTSBURGH, Penn.—(SNS)—Judging from what uninformed sports writers are saying about the attendance and outcome of the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis title fight, we are led to believe that the heavyweight crown has lost most of its glory and a whole lot of its value. The argument to support this conclusion is based chiefly on the fact that the man who challenges the right of Joe Louis to continue as champion is Johnry Henry Lewis, another Negro. And when it is not polite to make this statement openly, the experts fall back on the difference of weight and the fact that Joe and John have been friends for several years.

WEIGHT NOT SO IMPORTANT

As for the weight difference, that is a gamble that all fighters must take when they near or reach the top in the heavy group. Whether over or under 200 pounds makes little difference if the overweighed battler knows the proper campaign to follow. Any genuine fight expert will agree to this.

And why shouldn't they be friends? Both men have contributed something to the fight game. While Joe was kicking up in the amateurs in 1933 and 1934, John Henry was blasting away at fellows like Maxie Rosenbloom and Jimmy Braddock—and still meeting his high school classes. Before Joe could get hitched on in New York, John Henry had won the light heavy crown from Bob Olin in St. Louis in 1935—and Joe was there to see him do it.

MUCH IN COMMON

Both men had ambitions to get to the top, and it just so happens that they follow the same profession. John Henry has seen all of Joe's major fights, and Joe has been on hand whenever possible to see his Arizona contemporary in action.

The coming title fight was inevitable, and both Joe and John realized it as early as 1935. John Henry, then making 175 pounds, with ease, had the shoulder framework of a genuine heavy, and any observer could plainly see that it was just a matter of a few years, until the spindle-legged kid would expand and grow heavier.

REAL FRIENDSHIP

When Joe Louis won the title from Jimmy Braddock, John Henry was among the first to congratulate the Brown Bomber. With the score of one and one between Lewis and Braddock, the Cinderella Man had elected to turn down the rubbtr match and let the matter rest where it was. John Henry always contended that Braddock was the toughest of heavies, and was just as surprised as millions of others when Schmeling right-handed Joe into slumberland in 1936.

The friendship continued, however, even though Joe had something that John Henry wanted and in spite of what the rival managers said about each other and claims made one way or another by sports writers.

CLEAN LIVERS

Both men have something in common often looked by fans and writers. No two men ever lived who were more faithful, religiously so, to the professions in which they are engaged. Neither Joe nor John will break even a minor training rule. They do not touch alcoholic drinks in any form and cannot be tempted by the wiles of any beautiful woman. Both men represent the finest types of American manhood, and their presence has put the boxing game on a higher rating. In this respect, they will continue to be friends regardless of who wins in January or who gets blasted out.

JOE WANTS TO KEEP TITLE

It would seem that with these two perfect specimens of American manhood, and ideal representatives of the boxing profession the crown would increase in value. Both men have excellent offense and defense equipment, plenty of heart, and still ambitious. Joe is determined to keep his laurels, and John Henry is just as determined to dethrone him. The records of both fighters will prove that they have always come through in the clutches, regardless of the odds against them.

POOR LOGIC

It is doubtful that the good old American sport, the finest in the world, will go along with the weak claim that only a mixed fight is worth seeing. The hard

John H. Lewis Blind In 1 Eye, Say Doctors

DETROIT, (SNS)—John Henry Lewis, Light Heavyweight Champion of the world, is virtually blind in one eye, it was revealed Saturday by two physicians.

Fight promoters, however, were of the opinion that the report would not hurt the champ's rating and it was generally felt that Lewis would not find it a hard matter obtaining bouts.

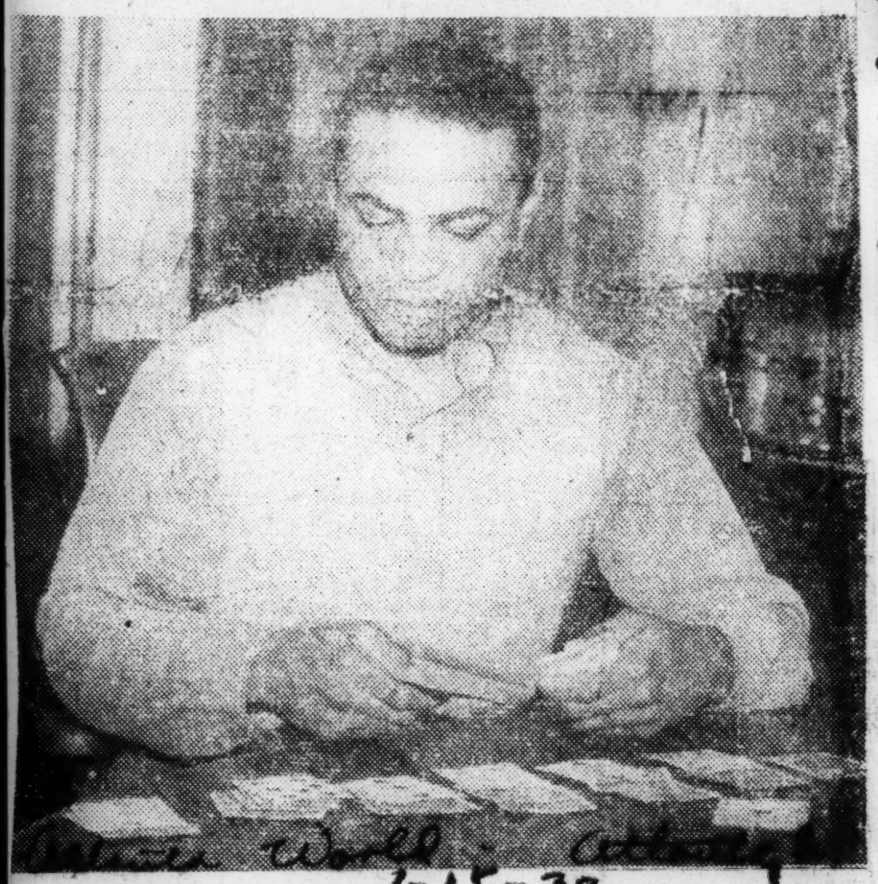
Doctors Daniel R. Donovan and J. L. Tomsu, who examined Lewis, said the sight in Lewis' left eye was "almost nil" from "probable traumatic cataract."

Dr. Donovan said Lewis could not read newspaper headlines with the eye. The physicians were unable to say how long the condition had prevailed.

A fight between Lewis and Dave Clark, scheduled for March 31, was postponed after the two physicians reported their findings.

Lewis was reported to have left town before an examination could be made by a specialist, as ordered by Boxing Commissioner John J. Fletche.

---And He Looks At Cards



While Joe Louis reads how to defend his title, Lightheavyweight champ, John Henry Lewis, is pictured here finding out what the cards foretell as to the outcome of his impending battle with the heavyweight champ. The fight is to be held in Madison Square Garden, New York City, on Jan. 25. It will be broadcast over an international radio hookup. (Acme photo).

John Woodruff Ties, Breaks I.C.-4A Records

Takes Victories In Both 440,880 Runs

NEW YORK—(ANP)—Long John Woodruff, Pitt senior who apparently can't be beaten outdoors, concluded the greatest individual feat in the history of the I. C. 4-A track and field championships Saturday when he won the 440 and 880 yard runs for the third consecutive year while Southern California was winning the meet before 7,500 spectators.

Only once before has an athlete won three doubles, although many of the nation's greatest have tried it. The trick was last turned in 1884 before Woodruff, but the competitors of that day and the times made could not compare with the modern variety. Long John won the quarter in 47 seconds flat, his winning mark in 1937 and 1938 which also ties the meet record, and took the 880 in 1:51.2, a new meet record.

For a while it looked as if the mighty man from Pitt would lose the 440, chiefly because he has concentrated on the half and the mile this season and had not built himself for the gruelling quarter. So the onlookers were treated to the amazing sight of Woodruff being extended in a race—something that had never happened before. At 60 yards from the tape he was third and it looked as if he would lose. But he called on his fighting heart and a reserve store of energy to cross the line victor by a scant two feet.

The half was just a breeze. He finished 15 yards ahead of Curtis Giddings, New York U. star, who lost second place when the judges disqualified him for cutting too sharply on Bill Greist, white, of Penn State. Later Giddings took second in the mile behind Louis Zamperlini of U. S. C. who won in 4:11.2.

Walter Arrington, Michigan State sophomore, tied with two Trojans for first in the high jump at 6 feet 4, then took sixth in the broad jump at 23 feet 9 1-2 inches, a distance he has often exceeded by two feet in practice.

Mozelle Ellerbe Improves Fast; To Run On Coast

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Mozelle Ellerbe, Kansas, Penn and N. C. A. A., sprint champion, who severely pulled a tendon in his left leg in winning the 100 yard run in the Tuskegee Relays in 9.6 seconds, is rapidly rounding into condition. Coach William O'Shields believes that Ellerbe will be in condition to take part in the National championships which will be held in the Colisseum in Los Angeles, California, June 16 and 17. Ellerbe expects to leave for California early in June. He will be accompanied to the cost by Track Coach William O'Shields. If Ellerbe is successful on the cost he will enter the National A. A. U. track and field championships at Lincoln, Nebraska, July 3 and 4.

Tuskegee Units Get Membership In AAU Regional

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—The Southeastern Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States has admitted into membership Tuskegee Institute and the Tuskegee Institute Club. It is believed that these two clubs are the first ever admitted into full AAW membership in the South.

Guy Stallenwerck, president of the Southeastern Association Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, has appointed Cleve L. Abbott, director of physical education at Tuskegee Institute, deputy athletic commissioner of the Southeastern Association of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States, it was announced today from the office of Mr. Stallenwerck. This is believed to be the first appointment of its kind in the South. The new commissioner will serve directly under Mr. George Griffin of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Ga., who is chairman of the registration committee.

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'SKEGEE ACE BEATS NORMAN HOLMES IN THRILLING RACE

Tuskegee Girls Cop Honors

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., May 18—Mozel Ellerbe, Penn Relays and Kansas State century champ this year and National collegiate title holder in the 100 yard dash, was forced by Norman Holmes of Florida A. and M. college to the hilt, but came through like a true champion here in the Alumni Bowl Saturday to win the classic event in 9.6 seconds in the thirteenth annual Tuskegee Relays.

Ellerbe's victory was costy to Tuskegee, however, as he pulled a muscle in his leg and will be inactive, as a result, for some time. Tis injury disrupted the crack mile relay team which placed third in the Class B section at the Penn Relays, no doubt, cost Tuskegee the coveted 30-inch sun ray trophy awarded this year for the first time by the Atlanta Constitution.

Although 10 outstanding Southern colleges entered the meet, Tuskegee was the only one to win more than two events. Tuskegee captured the 100, the broad jump with Ernest Simms leaping 22 feet, 1 1-2 inches; the shot put with Floyd Green of football fame tossing the sixteen pound ball 43 feet, 8 inches; and tied for first place in the three-way fashion with Robert Canson matching the 41 feet, 6 inches by Sylvester Ealey of Tillotson Colege and John D. Lewis of Morehouse College.

In the high school division, Tuskegee High, largely through the efforts of her sensational prep miler, Fred Thomas, of New York, captured both the medley and the two mile relays, placed second in the mile relay, and fourth in the half mile relay. Tuskegee was also runner-up in the prep quarter mile relay.

State Teachers College had a big day with Theodore (Texas) Smith winning the 120 yard high hurdles, with his own teammate, John Foston, third, as well as capturing the two mile college relay (Joseph Hughes, Isaac Brundage, Derrill Johnson, Sandy Reid) and tying for the high jump with Leo Tarrant and William Horton of Florida tied at 6 feet, 3 inches.

The eleventh annual Junior and Senior Women's Track and Field championships were run off under ideal weather conditions in the Alumni Bowl Friday.

The senior division was won by the Tuskegee girls with 72 points, followed by Prairie View with 19 points, Florida A. and M. with 16 points and Alabama State with 10.

The standout performer of the meet was Lula Hymes, Tuskegee captain and National A. A. U. champion in the 100 meters and broad jump as well as a member of Tuskegee's National A. A. U. champion 400 meter relay team. She came within one-tenth of a second of the world's mark in winning the 100 meters run, her time being 11.5 seconds; won the running broad jump and picked up 15 yards in the anchor leg of the 440 yard relay to place her team second after the second runner of the team, Jessie Abbott, had the misfortune to lose her baton on the exchange and lost valuable yardage picking it up to continue the race.

Lelia Perry of Tuskegee turned in three fine performances to win the 80 meter hurdles, high jump and place third in the 100 meters.

J. Coles, Prairie View's great runner, pushed Lula Hymes to the new record in the 100 meters.

In the junior championship, Rowena Harrison of Tuskegee high school, not to be outdone by her older sisters in the 100 meters run, stepped out and tied the new record of 11.5 for that event, being pushed all the way by Lucy Newell of Laurel, Miss., high school.

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Tuskegee Women Capture Honors In Track Carnival

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., May 12.—(Special)— Sparked by the sensational ex-Booker T. Washington High School star of Atlanta, Ga., Tuskegee's Crimson and White clad thinlettes literally swept their way to a one-sided victory in the senior women's track and field carnival here Friday afternoon with 72 points, followed by Prairie View of Texas with 19, Florida A. and M. College of Tallahassee, with 16, and Alabama State of Montgomery, with 10.

Tuskegee took first place in every event except the last one, the classical mile relay and, singularly enough, would have captured this race with a wide margin to spare but for the fact that Jessie Abbott, running the first leg, misused in passing the baton and gave her team a 15-yard handicap. By superb anchoring, Lula Hymes, even in the face of that, brought the rod in second just a few inches behind L. Coles, the Prairie View anchor.

All told, Tuskegee scored nine first places; five seconds; three thirds; three fourths. Lula Hymes, America's No. 1 woman track athlete, sprinted the classic 100 meter finals in the impressive time of 11.5 seconds and captured the broad jump with a leap of 17 feet, 3 1-4 inches which, added to her sterling performance in the 440-yard relay gave her 10 and 3-4 points for the day. However, Leila Perry, a teammate, was high point scorer with first places in the 80 meter hurdles and high jump and a third place in 100 meters for a total of 12 points. Mable Smith, also of Atlanta and a former B. T. Washington High luminary, produced six points for Tuskegee with second places in both the broad and high jumps.

In the junior women's meet, also won by Tuskegee with 20 points, followed closely by Sanfort Consolidated School with 17 1-2 points, Wilson High of Albany, Ga., with 17, Snow Hill Institute of Snow Hill, Ala., with 16, Oak Park Vocational Training School of Laurel, Miss., with 13, Booker T. Washington of Atlanta with 11 and Evergreen Training School of Evergreen, Ala., with 4 1-2 points. Jaunita Fuller, relay member of the B. T. Washington High squad, won the baseball throw with a spectacular heave of 222 feet, 7 inches. Her teammate, Leburn Marks, finished second in the 80-meter hurdles.

Tuskegee's Ellerbe Goes Lame

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Tuskegee Girls Whip Talladega Sexette 27-12

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—Coach Roberts' hardwood team decidedly outclassed the sextette from Talladega College in Logan Gymnasium here Saturday afternoon and won handily, 27-12. Dorothy Ballard and Margaret Barnes were the best for Tuskegee in handling the ball for scores, sharing equally in the 16 tallies which they obtained. Lula Hymes and Hester Brown backed up the boards in their usual excellent manner.

Ruth Walker and Althanese Gilbert handled the ball well for Talladega and covered the floor capably. They divided 10 points. Velma Thomas hooked a field goal and a one pointer from the gift zone.

Line-Up

TUSKEGEE (27)	B	F	P
Ballard, f	3	2	8
Abbott, f	1	2	4
Barnes, c-f	4	0	8
Hymes, g	0	0	0
Brown, g	0	0	0
M. Peters	0	0	0
R. Peters	0	0	0
Hill	1	1	3
Hunt	1	2	4
Gant	0	0	0
Lee	0	0	0
Totals	10	7	27

TALLADEGA (12)	B	F	P
Walker, f	2	1	5
Gilbert,	1	3	5
Thomas, c-f	1	1	3
Brooke, g	0	0	0
Miller, g	0	0	0
Moon, g	0	0	0
Douglass	0	0	0
Summers	0	0	0
Kennedy	0	0	0
Turner	0	0	0
Porter	0	0	0
Totals	4	4	12

Officials: Myrtle O'Shields (Talladega) Referee. John H. Brown (Virginia Union) Timekeeper.

Louisiana Team Wins Tourney

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3,000 Cheering Fans Witness Great Finals

By LUCIUS JONES
(SNS Sports Editor)

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Xavier's elongated basketball experts from sunny New Orleans combined skill and height to defeat a determined Morehouse aggregation here Saturday night in spacious Logan gymnasium. Coach Ted Wright's charges ran up a 55 to 24 score to win its second consecutive SIAC cage championship.

Around 3,000 cheering fans saw the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference bring to a close its sixth annual basketball tournament.

Alabama took third place honors by defeating Tuskegee, 40 to 38, in the consolation game which proved one of the most thrilling attractions of the entire tourney. History repeated itself again since Alabama claimed third place in the tournament staged here last year.

Opening the big basketball circus here Saturday afternoon was a colorful melee played between the coaches of Alabama and Georgia. Georgia like Morehouse fell by the wayside, taking a 41 to 27 licking.

Xavier had too many guns for Morehouse and didn't fail to fire them when opportunity presented itself. Morehouse put up a valiant fight but found her opponent's burst of speed and deception too much to conquer.

Xavier's power was not limited to her offense, because as the box score reveals, the men of Morehouse did not score more than one field goal a piece.

COFFEE HIGH POINT MAN

Coffee, the Morehouse center, was high point man for the Atlantans. He registered five points with a field goal and three gift shots. Four Maroon players— Blocker,

WHAT WILLIAM PICKENS SAYS:

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JOE LOUIS AND JOHN HENRY

By the way, John Henry did stand up against Joe Louis a few seconds longer than did Max Schmeling, at least. John Henry is a very fine fellow, far more intelligent than Joe Louis Barrow—but they were not fighting with intelligence alone, and what Joe lacked in intelligence as a general quality, he more than made up for in supreme intelligence about using his fists and feet, and in the extra 20 pounds of beef which he could so amply employ against Lewis, the challenger.

John Henry evidently had expected to stay in longer, and acted with surprise when he was knocked down, and got up too quickly without waiting to let some of his daze pass off by taking a few counts. When a man goes down, he has a right to nine counts, at least, if he wants to use them.

Well, Joe Louis is simply the greatest fist mauler of modern times. Dempsey at his best was not equal to the present Joe. It would be at least a question about what Jack Johnson might have done against one like Joe Louis, 30 ears ago,—for Jack Johnson was the greatest defensive boxer of whom there is any record. He was more of a terror to "white supremacy" than ever Joe Louis has been—for the whites are now tamed a bit to the idea that the Negro is, all things put together, the best boxer in any ring.

Anyhow Joe and John made history; TWO BLACK MEN BOXING FOR THE BOSS-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE WORLD WITH ALL THE WHITE RACE SHUT OUT. That is something for both of them, and for the rest of us, to remember.

It looks as if there is nobody of any skin-hue in sight to entertain Joe Louis right now. The only way we could get a good heavyweight championship battle now would be by rigging up some scheme so that Joe Louis could fight himself—Louis against Louis. Then there would be a gate, and a battle, and doubt, and even money. If Joe Louis could just fight Joe Louis, what a night that would be

Lula Hymes To Defend Titles In Nat'l AAU Meet

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TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., June 8. — Tuskegee women's track and field team, National A. A. U. champions for 1937 and 1938, are gradually getting back into training for the big meets which will be held this summer and which will be climaxed with the National A. A. U. championships scheduled for Waterbury, Connecticut in September.

Lula Hymes, national 100 meters and broad jump champion, as well as running anchor on the Tuskegee 400 meters championships relay team, will defend her honors. She won the 100 meters run at the 11th Annual Tuskegee Women's Track and Field Championships in 11.5 seconds which ties the officially recognized world record set by Helen Stephens in 1936 at the Olympic Games in Berlin. Lula Hymes holds the meet record in the broad jump with a leap of 18 feet, 4 1-2 inches. This is 4 1-2 inches better than the accepted American mark of 18 feet made by Mable Smith, a teammate, at the final Olympic tryouts held at Providence, Rhode Island, July 4, 1936.

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A baseball which was used in the last game in which Eddie Woolridge played as a member of the Tuskegee baseball team on the Institute diamond was exhibited by him when he was here attending his 1929 Class Reunion. Members of the class in attendance upon the reunion autographed the ball. Woolridge is regarded as one of Tuskegee's most outstanding baseball and football players. He is now a successful business man in Anderson, South Carolina.

The Los Angeles-Tuskegee club will entertain in honor of Mozel Ellerbe and Track Coach William O'Shields on their visit to the coast this month. Ellerbe will participate in the National Collegiate 100 yard dash, which will be held in the Colosseum at Los Angeles, June 16 and 17.

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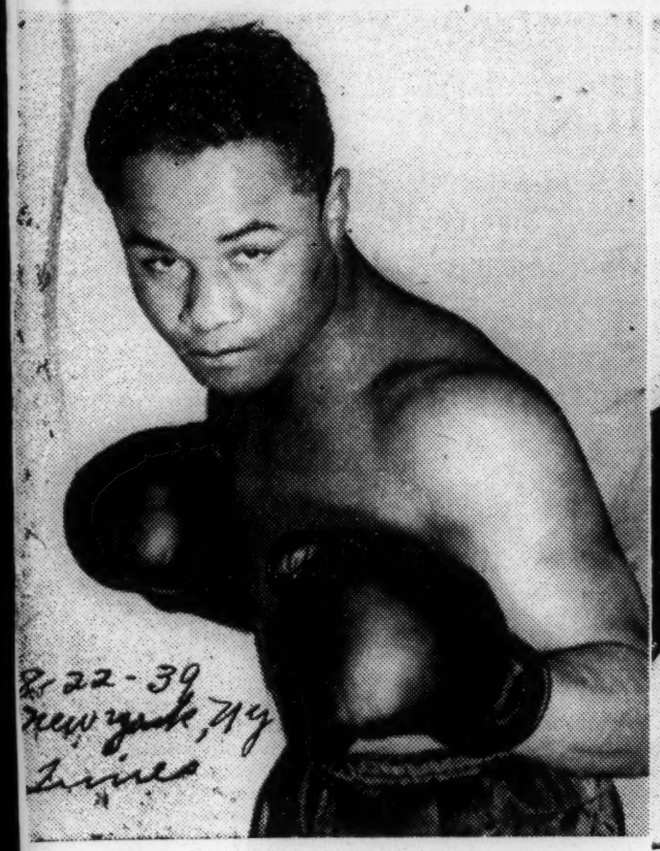

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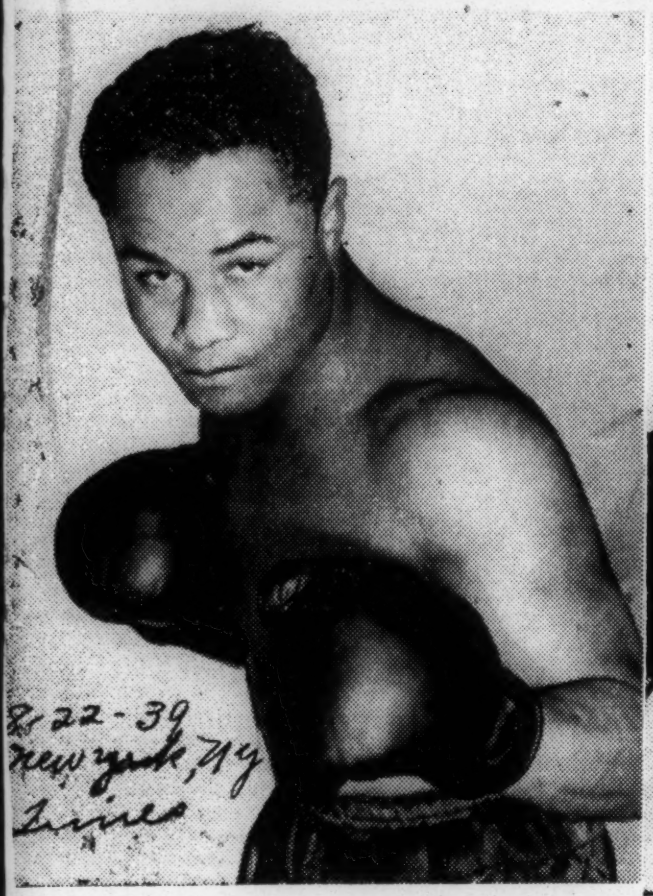

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ROUND BY ROUND ON STADIUM FIGHT

Donovan Is Picked as Referee of Bout Between Ambers and Armstrong

FULLAM IS ONE OF JUDGES

Healy Completes the Roster of Officials for Lightweight Championship Fight

By JOSEPH C. NICHOLS

Henry Armstrong weighed 135 pounds for his lightweight title fight with Lou Ambers last night at the Yankee Stadium. Ambers scaled 134½.

Arthur Donovan was the referee and the judges were Bill Healy and Frank Fullam.

The round by round description follows:

First Round

Ambers closed in and hooked several lefts to the body. Armstrong returned a two-handed fire to the midsection. Ambers hooked a left to the jaw and pounded the ribs with a right. Ambers shot a left to the body and a short right to the head. He sent both hands to the body at close quarters. Armstrong hooked a hard left to the jaw, drove two hands to the body and shot a hard left to the head.

Second Round

They traded light lefts to the head. Ambers hooked two lefts to the face and Armstrong returned a right to the jaw. Ambers whipped several short lefts to the face in close. Armstrong hooked a left to the chin. Ambers rocked the champion with a right and left to the jaw.

Armstrong returned a right that landed low and he was cautioned by the referee. Ambers drove both hands to the head. Ambers crashed a right to the jaw. The round officially went to Ambers because of Armstrong's low punch.

Third Round

Ambers drove several left hooks to the head. Armstrong sent two lefts into the body but took a hard right to the jaw in return. Ambers shot both hands to the head and Armstrong returned a right to the jaw.

They traded lefts without let-up for several moments with Ambers having the better of the exchange. Armstrong sent a right to the body and followed with a hard right to the head. Armstrong landed a right and left to the head at the bell.

Fourth Round

Ambers tapped a light left to the head and Armstrong returned several hard left hooks to the jaw. Armstrong crashed a right to the jaw and Ambers held. Ambers sent a left to the face.

Ambers slipped to one knee accidentally while retreating from his foe. The challenger arose immediately, however. Armstrong belabored the body with both hands and drove Ambers to the ropes.

Armstrong shot a right and left to the jaw. Armstrong again landed a left and right to the jaw. Ambers suddenly rallied and showered the champion with blows of all description.

Fifth Round

Armstrong went directly into close quarters and attacked the body with both hands. Ambers sent two left hooks to the head and crossed a fast right to the jaw.

Ambers stabbed a left into Armstrong's face. Armstrong fired a right to the jaw and followed with a two-handed body attack. Ambers landed a right uppercut and sent Armstrong's mouthpiece flying. Ambers landed a right and left to the jaw.

The challenger drove both hands to the body at the bell. A low punch during the round on Armstrong's part officially lost him the session.

Sixth Round

Ambers sent a series of jabs into Armstrong's face and shook the champion with a left hook to the head. Ambers landed two more left hooks before Armstrong returned a right to the heart.

Ambers drove a left to the face. Armstrong missed a right for the head and received several lefts and rights in the face for his lapse.

Ambers bounced several lefts and rights off the ever advancing Armstrong's chin. Armstrong landed a hard right to the jaw. They traded punches furiously with Armstrong having a slight advantage.

Seventh Round

Ambers sent a right uppercut to the head. Armstrong drove both hands to the head in a steady stream. They traded hard lefts to the face.

Armstrong clipped Lou with a short right to the jaw. The challenger staggered his foe with a left and right to the head.

Armstrong drove a right to the jaw. Armstrong hooked three lefts to the body. The champion sent a steady stream into his rival's midsection and then landed a hard right to the jaw.

Eighth Round

Armstrong pounded the body for several seconds, with Ambers missing his returns. Armstrong hooked a left to the head and another to the body. The body punch seemed out of bounds and it drew a warning from Donovan.

Armstrong hooked a left to the head and took a left to the face in return. Armstrong sent several lefts to the mid-section and drove Ambers to the ropes. Armstrong crashed a right to the head. Ambers returned a left to the head.

Ninth Round

Ambers shot a right to the head and Armstrong sent back a right to the body and the face. Ambers sent both hands to the ribs. Armstrong hooked two lefts to the face. Ambers shot a hard left to the face. Ambers crossed a right to the head and shook the champion. Henry took two more rights to the face before shooting two hard lefts to the body.

They traded left hooks to the face. Armstrong hooked a left to the jaw. Armstrong drove a left to the belt line. Ambers hooked a left to the face and took a left to the jaw. Armstrong's belt-line left cost him the round.

Tenth Round

Armstrong pounded the body with both hands. Armstrong hooked a left to the head. Ambers shot a left hook to the head. Armstrong dug his left into the body and crossed a right to the jaw. Ambers drove two lefts to the face.

Ambers shot a right to the head. Armstrong hooked a left to the head and Ambers returned a left to the chin. Armstrong landed a right to the jaw. Armstrong chopped a right to the chin. They traded lefts and rights to the face against the ropes with honors about even.

Eleventh Round

Armstrong shot a number of left hooks to the body. Armstrong ripped a right to the head. Ambers hooked two lefts to the chin. Armstrong shot a right to the head. Armstrong sent both hands to the head. Ambers grazed the jaw with a left.

Ambers drove a right to the body and a right to the head. He hooked a left to the face but took a left and right to the head in return. Ambers rocked Armstrong with a left and right to the head but the champion rallied and landed a telling right to the head.

They traded rights to the face on the ropes. Armstrong landed a left that went low just before the bell and it cost him the round.

Twelfth Round

Ambers shot a right to the heart. Armstrong sent a light right to the face. Armstrong dug both hands to the body and Ambers hooked a left to the head. They exchanged lefts to the body. Armstrong landed a left to the face. The champion crossed a right to the head but Ambers returned both hands to the body.

Armstrong landed a left and right to the midsection. Ambers crossed a right to the chin. Armstrong pumped several lefts to the body.

Thirteenth Round

Armstrong went in close and pounded the body. Armstrong sent a hard right to the face. Ambers crashed three hard left hooks to the jaw.

Armstrong crowded Ambers and tagged him with lefts and rights to the head. Ambers slashed a left to to the chin but Armstrong returned a steady two-handed barrage to the head.

Ambers landed a left to the face and a right to the body. Ambers sent two lefts to the face. They traded left hooks to the head, with Ambers landing the sharper punches.

Fourteenth Round

Ambers shot a right to the heart. He hooked a left to the jaw and missed another left for the jaw. Armstrong drove a right to the face. Ambers smashed two lefts to the face. Armstrong ripped a right to the jaw.

Ambers landed a right uppercut to the head. Ambers, with his back to the ropes, beat Armstrong to the punch in a long exchange. Armstrong ripped a right to the head, but took a hard left to the jaw in return.

Armstrong crashed two rights to the head. Armstrong staggered Lou with two more rights to the head. Ambers drove both hands to the head as he retreated before the champion. Armstrong hooked two lefts to the body and drove two lefts and a right to the head.

Fifteenth Round

The men shook hands. Armstrong rushed Ambers and pounded him about the body. Ambers took a left to the head. Ambers crashed a left to the chin. Ambers drove both hands to the head. Ambers took a left to the face. Armstrong pumped several lefts into the face.

Armstrong forced the going and dug his left into the body. Armstrong ripped a left to the head. Armstrong whipped a right to the head. Ambers sent a right uppercut to the chin.

Ambers drove both hands to the head. Armstrong punched dizzily at close quarters while Ambers missed.

Title Passes As Armstrong Is Penalized

Return Bout Planned; Crowd Of 29,000 Sees Fight

By SID FEDER

YANKEE STADIUM, NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—(AP)—The world lightweight championship passed back to swing[illegible] tonight only because little perpetual motion Henry Armstrong was penalized five rounds by Referee Arthur Donovan for low punching.

If it hadn't been for those five heats, which provoked a howl of outraged protest from Armstrong's corner, Hammerin' Henry would have won—and retained the title—in a waltz.

The little negro, who skyrocketed out of St. Louis, by way of Los Angeles, three years ago to win the lightweight, welterweight, and featherweight championships, and hold them simultaneously, forced the fighting all the way. He never stopped coming forward, despite the storm of left uppercuts and hooks showered on him by the Herkimer Hurricane from up-State New York.

All in all, therefore, there was nothing conclusive about the fight except that everything is all set now for a third meeting between the two. They tangled the first time a year ago, and the Hammer dethroned the square-jawed little Italian.

Lou, by tonight's victory, became the first fighter in ring history to win back the 135-pound crown.

Tonight's battle, for which Henry scaled 135 and Lou 133 1-2, was regarded in advance as the fistic "natural" of the year, and it was, when Donovan wasn't warning Hurricane Hank for tossing punches below the belt line.

Contracts for the third fight already have been signed. This one puts Henry's welterweight title on the line some time this Fall, and was contingent on Ambers's winning tonight. Thus, by Lou's taking the victory and the title tonight, another good-sized gate and turnout is virtually assured. A crowd of 29,088 was in this big ball yard tonight in cool weather and contributed to a gross gate of $137,925.77. The net was $116,396.85.

Although Referee Donovan and one of the judges, Frankie Fullam, who is ordinarily a referee, were agreed in their voting, with seven heats for Armstrong and eight for Ambers, the other judge, Jack Healey, gave Lou a lop-sided margin of 11 rounds to three, with one even.

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Nat Fleischer, Editor Of "Ring" Says Lewis Good Foe For Louis

Lou Nova Ruined Brown Bomber's Chance to Get Another Shot at Tommy Farr; "White Hope" Parade Now Paced by California Idol

By EULUS L. NANCE

Nat Fleischer, editor of the "RING," the world's foremost boxing magazine, states in no uncertain terms that he thinks John Henry Lewis will prove a good match for Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis when they meet in a Madison Square Garden ring Wednesday night, January 25, in New York City.

The eminent white fight expert, considered one of the keenest pugilistic observers in the history of the boxing profession, says that Lewis can jab, feint, in-fight, hance, bob, and weave, and throw leather with the very best in the business. His speed, he says, will more than offset any lack of raw physical power he may possess. It is generally agreed that he's one of the most scientific of the entire present crop of fighters, irrespective of weight class.

Abdication Was Wise

"If Lewis should abdicate," Fleischer said in reference to vacating the light heavyweight crown to go into the heavier ranks, "he will be doing himself a favor. Dieting and working in hot houses to get down to weight has worked havoc with other sterling gladiators, and Lewis, a close student of physical culture, is wise enough to know his limitations. He recalls the sad case of Joe Gans, another of his race. The light-heavyweight field has several splendid fighters in its midst, with Tiger Jack Fox and Melio Bettina the best, and a fight between them should settle world supremacy, especially now that Gainer has been eliminated and Fox has put Herrera, B. W. I. champion, out of the way with a quick knockout."

Nova, Real Threat

Lou Nova, to all intents, is the man Joe Louis will ultimately have a big date with, the fight experts of the nation feel. The Bomber had designs of meeting Tommy Farr next if he got past Lewis, but little did he dream that Nova, conquer in three stanzas of Gunnar Barlund, the Finish luminary, would also outdo the British Empire champion.

Galento, Baer

Louis would have no point in meeting Farr now, even if he stuck out for such an opportunity. Tony Galento is rated high and Max Baer is not considered completely outside the picture—but it's really Lou Nova the fight promoters are talking of seriously as a future opponent for the bombarding Brown Bomber.

Those who charged that Nova was being carried too fast when he was matched against Tommy Farr have given in and are actually among those most anxious to see him get a shot at the title

Midwestern Athletic Ass'n Against 'Professionalism'

—The Midwestern Athletic Association at a two days' meeting held at Wilberforce University January 6 and 7, went on record against football players of Negro colleges practicing "Professionalism."

Mr. Paul J. Jones, commissioner stated in his annual report that information came to him that two players of Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Mo., attempted to play "Professional" athletics, that money had been accepted but finding themselves in a rather dangerous situation, returned the money.

The greater part of the first day's session was devoted to adjusting the matter. It was referred to a special committee which censored the acts of the students and disqualified them from participation in future athletic events sponsored by the Midwestern member schools.

Preliminary to the opening of the first day's session, a musical entertainment was presented at chapel hour in Galloway Hall auditorium. The meeting began with devotionals by Col. A. W. Thomas, recently retired as U. S. Army Chaplain.

President D. O. Walker of the university delivered the welcome address and in the course of his remarks "warned" officials of Kentucky State College, who won the 1938 association football championship, that Wilberforce has declared its team will take the 1939 title. The response to the address was made by Dr. C. H. Parrish, Louisville Municipal College. Short talks were made by those who were introduced.

Dr. J. Aubury Lane, president of the association called the first session to order at 11 o'clock. Mr. J. D. Stewart, Secretary-Treasurer, called the roll and the colleges were represented by the following persons:

Louisville Municipal College, Louisville, Ky., C. H. Parris, Geo. H. Robinson; Tennessee A. & I. College, Nashville, Tenn., Reuben A. Mundy; Kentucky State Industrial College, Frankfort, Ky., President R. B. Atwood, Dr. J. T. Williams, J. D. Stewart; West Virginia State College, Institute, W. Va., A. P. Hamilton, T. C. Coleman, Bennie Good; Wilberforce University, M. M. McGreen, E. Champ Warrick, R. N. Pyrtle.

Reviewing the Midwestern's activities, President Lane declared "questions of eligibility, scholarship, over-emphasis, 'professionalism,' subsidizing, expenses and what not are raised.

"Perhaps in intercollegiate athletics more than in any other activity are these criticisms warranted. This is due largely to the large number of students participating and the scope of the program."

Grave as athletic situations may seem to some, others may look upon the same situation as unimportant. Both may be sincere. This difference of opinion will of course lead to misunderstandings. In every instance keep in mind our duty and responsibility to the student, his teammates, the college and the association."

Following Dr. Lane's address committees were appointed and reports submitted from the following committees: Auditing, Budget, Midwestern Football selection, Athletic Commissioner, Boxing, Executive, On officials.

Papers dealing with athletic problems were read. "Advertising the Athletic Program, representative from West Virginia State College. A very interesting debate followed. Mr. Fay Young, the well known reporter of athletic sports and an official in football games, criticised the schools for not advertising on a larger scale in the Negro newspapers, citing white colleges and other business firms spending millions of dollars advertising. "No school playing football, or even soliciting students, can succeed in their efforts by spending a pitiful small sum of money for advertising. "The Negro press," declared Mr. Young, "holds the key to our Negro homes and if the schools and the Negro business man wants business, buy printers' ink." At the close of the discussion the association went on record to do more and better advertising for the year 1939 football season.

Looking Forward to 1940 Olympics," Raymond Kempt, Lincoln University; "The contribution of Athletics to the Educational Program," R. C. Owens, Tennessee A. and I. College; "A College President looks at the M. W. A. A." Dr. R. B. Atwood, President Kentucky State Teachers College; "College Competition and M. W. A. A. Annual Tournament," Captain James A. Nichols, President Mid-Western Tennis Association; "The Institution's Duty to the Athlete," Dean David A. Lane, Jr., Louisville Municipal College; "Goals to be Achieved by the M. W. A. A.," Dr. J. T. Williams, Dean Kentucky State Teachers College.

Saturday morning the Midwestern Officers' Association convened and considered the business of the association for the year. The president, Mr. Frank L. Stanley of Louisville, Ky., read an extensive and well shaped plan for the advancement of the work of the association. More than thirty four members were present and took part in the meeting. Mr. P. W. L. Jones of Cincinnati, read a very interesting paper on "The Evolution of Football Playing."

The following officers of the two associations were elected for the year: Midwestern Athletic Association: Dr. J. Aubery Lane, President, Wilberforce, Ohio; Milton Hardiman, Vice-president, Jefferson City, Mo; J. D. Stewart, Secretary-treasurer, Frankfort, Ky; Geo. F. David, Asst. Sec. Treasurer and Publicity Director, Wilberforce, Ohio; Paul Moore, Commissioner, Institute, W. Va; Rubon Mundy, Associate Commissioner, Nashville, Tenn; Geo. F. Robinson, Associate Commissioner, Louisville, Ky; Charles F. Points, Jr., Member of Executive Council, Wilberforce, Ohio

Midwestern Officers' Association held at Institute, W. Va., first session: Frank L. Stanley, President Louisville, Ky; Dr. Charles H Doneghy, Vice President, East Chicago, Ind; Samuel G. Sheppard, Secretary-Treasurer, St. Louis, Mo; P. W. L. Jones, historian, Cincinnati, Ohio; J. E. Cook, Parliamentarian, St. Louis, Mo. The meeting for 1939 will be held at Institute, W. Va., first Friday and Saturday after first Thursday in December, 1939.

TONY GALENTO SURE OF SHOT AT TOP HEAVY

Two-Ton May Get Nova, Can Have John Henry After Wednesday

BY SID FEDER

NEW YORK, Jan. 20—(AP)—Bush Boulevard had its good ear to the ground Friday and the anxious citizens of Orange, N. J., will no doubt be pleased to learn that their one-and-onely Tony Galento is back in the good graces of Uncle Mike Jacobs and his brain trust.

Uncle Mike, himself, just won't talk about heavyweight futures until after tea and cakes are served at the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis title party next Wednesday. But you have it on good authority that the Belting Beer Barrel from across the Hudson River figures largely in the recipe your good uncle is concocting for the heavyweight stew.

For a time there, Tony's general classification for all heavyweights—"Dose Bums"—was ringing on deaf ears as far as the center of the industry was concerned. But you can't laugh off nine straight knockouts, wet, damp or otherwise. So right now, Tony's future, once he fulfills fights for which he is already booked in Miami, Detroit and Chicago, will be as gratifying as the beer and spaghetti he sets before theg uests in his orange drinking emporium.

First off, there's the offer Mike already has made him for a get-together with California Lou Nova in Madison Square Garden March 10. Two-Ton Tony and his manager, Jabbering Joe Jacobs, are all for that. But in the event such negotiations fall through, something new popped up Friday to take its place.

John Henry Ready

This was the arrival of Gus Greenlee, who reported to Mike that his heavy, John Henry Lewis, is ready, willing and able to become the party of the second part with Galento. Gus' offer may have been just a little bit rash, when you come to think of it, considering that John Henry is in for no pink tea Wednesday night.

Tony and Joe Jacobs accepted Uncle Mike's proposition for a Nova meeting on the spot, but just what Lou thinks of this remains to be seen. Lou already is signed to tangle with Max Baer in May, and may not want to risk his title chances with the pudgy pounder, whose left hooks to the body operate in the same general fashion as a set of meat cleavers. At least, Jorge Brescia, who was stowed away by Tony in a minute and 41 seconds Thursday night, will testify they do.

Nova and his manager, Ray Carlin, are relaxing just now in Hot Springs, far from the Cauliflower Club, but Mike was in touch with them Friday to learn their reaction. Just how they feel about it was not disclosed. For Uncle Mike is taking no chances of any other heavyweight headlines stealing the attention of the cash customers from his championship waltz Wednesday.

Tony, back on his diet again after a day of training—the diet is made up exclusively of one—lots of beer and two-more spaghetti—was still shouting at a late hour this evening that he would, a-flatten Nova, b-annihilate Baer and c-knock Louis apart with one punch, in that order. This statement may seem farfetched in most quarters, but Galento, who is either the most naive man in the ring, or the best actor, is fully confident such a program is a pushover.

LEWIS LIKELY TO GIVE LOUIS LIVELY FIGHT

Old-Timers Say Challenger Will Give Champion Run For Money

BY GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK—(AP)—The shrewd old-timers of the boxing clan are nearly unanimous in predicting that John Henry Lewis will give Champion Joe Louis a real run for his money next Wednesday night and still will be throwing leather at the end of 15 rounds.

Not a single manager or former manager interviewed by the writer has come out flat-footed and predicted a knockout for the champion. They admit the possibility, of course' but their best guess is that John Henry, the finest boxer among the big men, will go the route and make a more even thing of it than Tommy Farr did Summer before last.

Even John Roxborough, co-manager of Joe, has not gone out on a limb this time, and he is the one who insisted most strenuously that the bland bomber would stop Schmeling in the first round. He is confident that Joe will keep his title, but gives the impression Joe would be glad to settle for a decision.

Such recognized authorities as Larry White, present manager of Fred Apostoli and "discoverer" of John Henry Lewis, and Dumb Dan Morgan, who has piloted Jack Britton and many another famous fighter, are firmly of the belief that the clever challenger has better than an outside chance of scoring a sensational upset.

Doubly interesting is the fact that they base their belief not on John Henry's past performances, but on the way he is training for this fight. They have noted that he obviously is preparing to carry the battle to the champ's body, and they think that is the way Louis ultimately is going to be licked.

They, like many of the fight crowd never have been convinced that Louis would relish a hard and sustained assault on his shortribs. In his brief and brilliant career, they point out, Joe never has been called upon to take a real body belting, because all his opponents have been wildly determined to smack him on the jaw ever since Schmeling banged it like a gong in their first fight.

Jim Braddock knocked Joe flat with such a punch in their title bout at Chicago, and Nathan Mann staggered him in the first round of their brief scrap here last Winter. But neither was around long enough after that to have a try at Joe's midriff. Each left himself exposed to the lethal Louis punch as he swung at Joe's chin.

With such object lessons, John Henry intends to proceed with caution, to protect himself first and to plug away at Joe's body as the opportunity comes. Managers and trainers around town seem to agree it is the most sensible plan yet evolved for fighting Louis.

The obvious flaw, of course, lies in the possibility that Lewis will get tagged, lose his head like others have done, and try to slug it out the champion. That always is a mistake.

LOUIS, LEWIS MAY FIGHT TO SELLOUT HOUSE

Jacobs Dusts S. R. O. Sign For Big Indoor Battle Tomorrow Week

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NEW YORK—(AP)—Tickets for the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis championship fight at the Garden a week from tomorrow night are, on the word of Promoter Mike Jacobs, selling so fast that Mike is beginning to suspect he should have waited and staged the thing outdoors.

If Mike is anywhere near right about it, this is a nice tribute that the customers are paying to a couple of Negro boys who have been close friends and admirers of each other's boxing ability for several years. When the match was first announced there were many capable observers who thought maybe Mike had fumbled one.

Even if Joe and John Henry had been sworn enemies it still would have looked like a gamble, for there never before had been a heavyweight championship fight between Negroes in this country.

Joe won't even talk as mean as he did before his last fight with Max Schmeling. He admitted he didn't like the German and insisted he would knock him kicking in the first round, which he did. All he'll say now is that he intends to "whup" John Henry, which he probably will.

Neither is John Henry doing any fancy talking. Possibly he is just being smart in not getting the champion unnecessarily aroused, but he has not once referred to Joe as "that bum." All John Henry claims is he has an even chance of licking Louis.

It is a fact some of the wise old managers and ex-fighters think John Henry, though still little more than a light-heavyweight, will give his 200-pound opponent a peck of trouble. Nearly all of them declare he will stay the 15-round limit.

Close To 18,000 Spectators To See Fistic Bout Tomorrow

By DREW MIDDLETON

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—(AP)—To the great astonishment of all concerned, the Joe Louis-John Henry Lewis battle is selling tickets like nobody's business. As the result there will be a crowd of about 18,000 and $100,000 or more in the till when the two negroes square off Wednesday night in the ring in Madison Square Garden.

When the match was made there were loud predictions it woudn't draw flies. It is the first heavyweight championship fight between negroes since Jack Johnson fought Battling Jim Johnson in Paris in 1913. Then too, the experts put Louis so far ahead of the field, it didn't seem likely the customers would pay to see him against Lewis, the clever but non-violent, light heavyweight champion.

The last week has changed that. Fac[illegible] numbers of customers have lined up outside the ticket windows. Ticket brokers all over town have reported a satisfying demand for all classes of seats, from the $16.50 top down.

All this is a tribute to Louis's drawing power. He has not fought since he annihilated Max Schmelling last June. The crowd will expect a similar massacre, but in the cauliflower industry opinion is sharply divided. No one thinks Louis will lose, except a few rabid Lawis fans, but the man of his winning was in dispute as the fighters went through their last ring workouts today.

It is almost impossible to get a bet down. The prices range from 1 to 5 to 1 to 7 in favor of the champion but no one is betting. It is 1 to 3 Louis will stop the Phoenix, Ariz., negro.

There is no pessimism in the Lewis camp.

"I'll just tie Joe up, outbox him and outfox him," said John Henry, an affable fellow with great confidence in his own powers.

Those who figure Lewis will go the distance are betting more on the astuteness of James Joy Johnston than anything else. Johnston it was who engineered the Bob Paster-Louis walkathon, a horrible thing to watch, and Johnston it is who has been at Summit during most of John Henry's training coaxing him to try the hit and run methods employed by Pastor against Louis. Louis won that one after one of the worst fights of his career.

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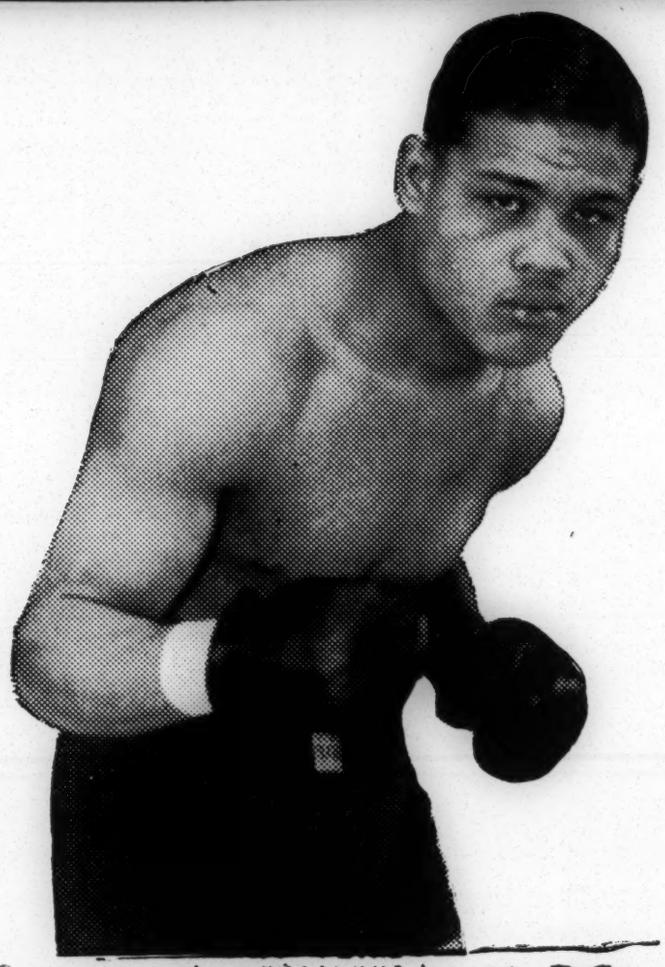

JOE LOUIS

"The Boxer of the Year", so rated by Nat Fleischer, editor of Ring Magazine—His bout with John Henry Lewis comes Jan. 25, 1939—Few doubt the latter has chance to defeat the champion.

Bomber In Good Shape For Match

Rival Boxers Workout In Different Camps For 15-Rounder

By SID FEDER

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Mr. Joseph Louis Barrow, a very determined young specialist in various assortments of mayhem, has made up his mind to play for keeps when he tangles with John Henry Lewis for the heavyweight title Wednesday night.

So John Henry can look for the roof to fall in on him at Madison Square Garden shortly after the party gets underway at approximately 10 o'clock (E. S. T.) that evening.

That was the general idea you got today from watching Joe in his final heavy workout before the fight up here in the snow-covered Jersey countryside. He went through 11 rounds of action, six against sparmates, and wound up looking in as fine physical condition as at any time in his clout career.

And after he polishes off John Henry—he personally thinks it's a cinch to wind up in a knockout—he'll be ready for any and all opposition Promoter Mike Jacobs wants to bring on. He wants another shot indoors before the Winter season is over, and then possibly two outdoors during the Summer.

From the gossip you hear around his camp, it is very possible Joe may meet Bob (Bicycle) Pastor again in March, and there's a chance Two-Ton Tony Galento, the keg-shaped gent, may have a crack at it in June or July, as the Associated Press reported last week.

But first there's the business at hand this week. There was some wonderment hereabouts for a time as to just what mental frame of mind the Brown Bomber may take into the ring with him. Your correspondent is pleased to report it's something similar to the fellow who swings the cleaver in the slaughter house, and that Joe will turn the trick in about seven rounds.

For instance, one observer asked Joe mildly how far he thought the fight would go.

"Well," drawled Joe, as Trainer Chappie Blackburn rubbed him down, "it won't go as far as that, if I have my way."

One and all agreed the gag was terrible, but that Joe was getting the point across.

"I don't think Lewis's boxing style, that everybody's talking about, is so awfully tough," Joe explained. "I've seen him fight and I think Tommy Farr's style, the night I fought him, was a lot harder to solve—he gave you the upside-down stuff and it would have puzzled anybody that night."

Louis's sparring partners were willing to admit, after today's workout, that John Henry is going to see lots of fancy fireworks Wednesday—while he's able to see them. Jersey Joe Wolcott, once a fair-to-middlin' heavy; Basher Dean, with a snappy right hand, and Jim Howell, a rotund gentleman, were the parties of the first, second and third rounds against Joe in his workout. Wolcott quit cold and walked out of the ring after Louis parked one on his whiskers in the second round. Dean did a little better, and Howell had a "cut" left hand that he kept sticking in Joes face, but one and all were given a thorough going over.

The scales showed Louis at 203 pounds after it was over, and he'll probably weigh in at about 200 even for the fight. Actually, he has had less boxing work for this fight than for any one of his four previous title defenses, but he has been in training longer. He has been at this lake camp since Dec. 27, but before that he had six weeks of roadwork and milder practice at West Baden, Ind.

John Henry Looks Good In Workout

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The Detroit Smith succeeded in penetrating Lewis's defense with several jolting rights to the body, but the challenger kept the proceedings under control at all times. Birch, a middleweight, was tossed in at the end to give Lewis a speed test.

Anderson Of Tex. College Is Fullback

BOSTON —(By Mabe Kountz for ANP)— Here is the 1938 official Negro College All-American team chosen annually by the Negro National All-American association of sportswriters. There were six ballots used, one from each major conference and two association paper 'National' teams, those of the Pittsburgh Courier and Boston Chronicle. The Southwest team vote came from the Houston Informer and Fort Worth Mind combined.

For the starting elevens, the ends are both superb pass receivers and the backs can all throw bullets. Hudgins of Hampton was just about the best Larry Kelley of the East, and there is no question about Brooks topping the major terminals as a scoring in the West. Gene Toomer was his conference choice, plus unanimous choice of both "National" selections; quite an honor for the 6:3 inch 210 lb. tackle from Detroit. And another Westerner, Al Alexander, a big 207 lb. Langston Lion from Aurora, Ill., took the other tackle berth on a draw. Morgan, the sepia Notre Dame of the nation, placed big 200 lb. Mike Ryans at guard and his line-mate is an Indianapolis boy, 185 lb. Harry Yanthis of the Wildcats. Our centre is Dewey Williams, 195 lb. bulwark of Morris Brown Wolverines.

The alternate line is just that. We have no second team this year, following the Notre Dame idea. The ends, Jimmy Brewer of the Eastern champion Trojans and Rooker of the very prominent Wolverines, were both just as popular and received the same number of votes as Hudgins and Brooks. Rock Neeley, towering Florida defender, well rated his berth, as did 212 lb. Wolverine senior, Major Powell. And now you notice how the Southern Conference took the lead last year. Southern Univ. symbolizes the fact by placing her fine captain, James Peters 180 lb. Monroe popular choice, at one guard and the state of Louisiana took the other guard spot with 180 lb. senior star, Lonnie Moore, of Xavier Univ. At center is the unanimous choice of his conference Tommy Upchurch, a 205 lb. giant from Ardmore, Okla.

The 1938 poll gave Henry 'Hank' Butler, Florida quarterback; and the Eastern sensation, Red Briscoe of Virginia unanimous choice. The next possible highest vote was scored by Johnny Bissant of Wiley; Miles Anderson of Texas and Stan Stranchan of Florida. Their choice will not be questioned for their records are too well-known. Fred Cooper of Union and Jumpin' Joe Dismond of Hampton were the pride of the East, both all-around backs of unquestionable talent. Jones of Florida was another all-around good back and his toe alone accounted for 16 points while he passed for several more to help Florida win the 1938 Southern crown.

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Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

Tuskegee's Great Record Of 45 Straight Games Undefeated, 1923-1928; Abbottmen Boast 10 Dixie, Six National Titles

NEW ORLEANS, La., Sept. 30—(SNS)—CLEVE ABBOTT had it coming to him. Why, from 1923 through 1933 the canny old gentleman dominated SIAC football more completely than Hitler is dominating Nazi Germany. Yes, sir, over the decade referred to, his teams won eight dixie titles outright and tied for two others. On top of that, six of those years Ben Stevenson and company won the mythical national title. Daily World 10-1-'39

Abbott took a 6-0 lacing at the hands of Morehouse, tutored by B. T. Harvey, the middle of 1923. That must have ired him no end, because, after that, his men reeled off 45 straight games before they finally were beaten again five years later in 1928 by Clark, 13-9 with Sam Taylor at the steering wheel. Atlanta, Ga

In those 45 games undefeated, Tuskegee won 41 and tied 4. Its longest string of unbeaten and untied was 26 games, extending from the second encounter in 1925 through the ninth assignment in 1927. There was another string of 13 games unbeaten and untied from the sixth game in 1923 through the ninth game in 1924.

One year, 1925, Morehouse was the only team to score on Tuskegee and she was beaten 27-6. 10-1-39

Strangely enough, Talladega had tallied more points on Tuskegee than any other team in SIAC history (during the cycle in question, 1923-1938) until last campaign when Florida routed the Abbottmen 40-0. Before that, 'Dega had chalked up 27 points in 1926, with Red Cooper passing like a slot machine to Porter James, but Ben Stevenson and his mates won 28-27.

Alabama and Florida boast three victories over Tuskegee for the high mark among SIAC teams. The Hornets won 6-2 in 1934, 3-0 in 1935, and then came through with a 26-0 triumph last season. Florida won 3-0 in 1935, 14-13 in 1937, and 40-0 in 1938.

Clark Xavier, LeMoyne, and Morehouse have a pair of wins against the Abbottmen. Clark won 13-9 in 1928 and 7-6 in 1931. LeMoyne won 37-6 in 1938 and 19-0 in 1939. Xavier won 13-7 in 1937 and 18-0 in 1938. Morehouse came through 6-0 in 1923 and 7-6 in 1936. Morris Brown's lone victory over Tuskegee was in 1937 by a score of 8-0.

Tuskegee's glowing history is studded with two undefeated, untied season (1926-1929). The record of the Abbottmen in those years is given below:

1926 RECORD			1928 RECORD		
Tuskegee 24	Knoxville	3	Tuskegee 21	A. & T.	0
Tuskegee 73	Florida	6	Tuskegee 24	24th Inf.	7
Tuskegee 20	Clark	6	Tuskegee 21	Clark	0
Tuskegee 28	Morehouse	6	Tuskegee 6	Wilberforce	0
Tuskegee 20	Lincoln	16	Tuskegee 39	Miles Mem.	0
Tuskegee 14	Alabama	7	Tuskegee 32	M.B.C.	19
Tuskegee 47	Fisk	13	Tuskegee 52	Florida	0
Tuskegee 28	Talladega	27	Tuskegee 20	Alabama	0
Tuskegee 14	Atlanta U.	0	Tuskegee 34	Bluefield	0
TOTAL 268	Opponents	84	TOTAL 249	Opponents	26

The dixie and national football champions during the cycle referrred to are given below also:

YEAR	DIXIE CHAMPION	NATIONAL CHAMPION
1923	Morehouse, Tuskegee	
1924	Tuskegee	Tuskegee
1925	Tuskegee	Tuskegee
1926	Tuskegee	Tuskegee
1927	Tuskegee	Tuskegee
1928	Clark, Tuskegee, A. U.	Wilberforce
1929	Tuskegee	Tuskegee
1930	Tuskegee	Tuskegee
1931	Clark	Wilberforce, Clark Wiley
1932	Tuskegee	Ky., MBC, Langston,
1933	Tuskegee	Morgan
1934	Morris Brown	Ky. State
1935	Alabama	Texas College
1936	Alabama	West Virginia
1937	Florida	Ky. State
1938	Florida	Florida

Borican Retains Pentathlon Title

11-4-39

NEW YORK CITY — John Borican, former Virginia State athlete and now art student at Columbia graduate school, retained his national AAU pentathlon championship in a meet at Travers Island. Borican won the event last year.

Borican amassed 2,947 points to lead ten contestants for the title. He was first in the broad jump, with 22 feet, 2 1-4 inches; first in the 100 meter run with a time of 23.1; first in the 1,500 meter run, first in the javelin throw, and seventh in the discuss throw. 6'7

The track was slow and the wind high this year. Borican got 3,304 points in winning last year. He represented the Shore Athletic Club of New Jersey. He was conceded the winner from the outset.

Why Break Up the Yanks? Just Let the Other Managers Sign Up Some of the Negro Stars

The Yankees have just about clinched the argument for the immediate ending of the discrimination against Negro baseball players.

They've just finished knocking over all opposition from both leagues for the fourth straight year. Already the greatest team in history, they're coming up with rookies next year who will make them even better. There isn't a team on the horizon with even a faint chance of stopping them, of putting some suspense and balance back into the National Pastime.

Would the St. Louis Cards, as some think, have put up a better battle than Cincinnati? The Yanks would have romped over the Cards with more ease than they crushed the Reds. Make no mistake about this Cincinnati team. It was a pretty good team, as good as the National League can hope to produce for a while with its present setup. Walters and Derringer are a pair of real pitching aces. All they did was slow up the Yankees momentarily. They prevented the full going batting picnic that the champs would have enjoyed against the weaker Card hurlers.

Maybe our Brooklyn Dodgers will win the National League pennant next year, though it doesn't look as though Cincinnati will be beaten there for a few years. In the excitement of the first pennant since 1920 and with that red hot fan support the Dodgers always engender, there would be a lot of local hoopla over the series in '40. But I hate to think of the Yanks teeing off on Hamlin and Co. at Ebbets Field. I'd rather see the Dodgers finish second. It's a funny thing, this playing a series against the Yanks. A team can fight its way up to the top and be heroes through the long, dusty 154-game season, like the Reds this year and the Cubs last, then in four short days become bums, ending the season downcast, defeated and demoralized. That's somewhat out of proportion, but then the Yanks are out of proportion with the rest of baseball. They're a super team, in a class by themselves. They're nine Joe Louis' on spikes. spikes.

Now that isn't going to do baseball any good, and nobody really thinks that people will just keep coming to see a runaway race year after year. American League cities can't get very excited over their heroes any more, and Cincinnati won't be as hot again next year even if the Reds take the flag by 20 games. They know the Yanks will be a'waitin' to bat them down again.

What's the use of wasting any more words or belaboring the point. Everyone knows that the Yanks are too good and are getting better. If they don't know that they don't know anything about baseball. Ask a scout for any of the other clubs about young minor league prospects. He'll tell you, "There's only about ten and the Yanks have eight of them."

Something has to be done. And that something is so obvious now that it can't be dodged any more. Not breaking up the Yankees, but giving the other managers a fighting chance to build up to the Yankees strength by lifting the ban that prevents at least twenty great American players from doing their stuff in the big leagues.

The only team with a chance to beat the Yanks will have to have some of the great Negro players on it. And how the managers wish they could reach out and sign up the Josh Gibsons, Mule Suttles and Satchell Paiges. They've already said as much, out loud. Players and sports writers have blasted the ban. It is strictly up to the magnates, Judge Landis, and League Presidents Frick and Harridge now to decide whether or not the game is to get a much needed revitalization by the introduction of a flock of talented performers. Or rather, it's up to the fans to let the magnates & co. know just how they feel about a situation that finds one great team all alone, and other teams hamstrung in their chances of giving them a fight by a ban conducted by a little minority against the qualified representatives of 15 million Americans whose skin happens to be dark.

FLORIDA A. AND M. WINS NEGRO TILT

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 9 (AP)—Six thousand persons, Orlando's biggest sports crowd, overflowed Tinker field today to watch Florida A. and M. crush Wiley, 42 to 0, in the seventh renewal of the Orange Blossom classic, the country's top Negro intersectional football game.

Few of the frills of bowl football were lacking as Florida's Negro population put forward its best foot and produced a show which provided a perfect setting for the spectacular play of the victorious battlers.

The Floridians, national champions last year, reached peak form and dazzled the out-classed Texas eleven with their tricky tactics.

ATLANTA, Dec. 9 (AP)—An alert, hard-hitting team of Morris Brown College Wolverines capitalized on the breaks here today to overcome Virginia State College, 13-7, and win the inaugural Peach Blossom Negro football game.

The post-season feature, played before about 2,000 persons at Ponce de Leon baseball park, brought the Virginia Trojans their first defeat since 1937 and ended their bid for the Negro national collegiate championship.

Haywood (Mule) Settles, 210-pound Morris Brown right end, brought the Wolverines their first touchdown when he blocked Kenny Whitlock's punt on the Trojan 26 yard line early in the second quarter.

NEGRO INVADERS ARE UNDEFEATED

Virginia State College of Ettrick, Va., one of the leading teams in negro football, will defend a two-year undefeated record against Morris Brown College here Saturday.

The game is billed as the first annual "peach blossom classic."

The Virginians, with Quarterback Burr, Halfbacks Whitlock and "Jumping Joe" Hall and Fullbacks Hurst and Land had a backfield ranked in the top tier, nationally.

Morris Brown likewise is looked upon to present a formidable backfield array, headed by John Moody, triple-threat fullback and long distance punter.

The last defeat chalked up against the Virginians was inflicted by Morgan College in 1936.

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Jim Crowing of Negro Star Raises Storm of Protest

CIO Calls It Flagrant Discrimination—Young Democrats Say It Perils Democracy—Boycott, Picket Lines on Tap

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—The failure to include Kenny Washington, UCLA's great Negro back, on the West-East all-star game scheduled for New Year's Day, has aroused the greatest storm of resentment ever created in California on an athletic issue.

Among the organizations to blast the Jim Crow discrimination of the committee are the San Francisco Industrial Union Council, which called it "flagrant racial discrimination" and the Maritime Federation of the Pacific San Francisco District Council, which said:

"All maritime unionists are certainly opposed to this piece of racial discrimination which keeps one of the most brilliant football players in the nation off the all-star team.

"The committee should change its mind about excluding Washington before it is too late, or it will find that the public doesn't care about attending a game played under such a cloud.

"The Federation is now and has in the past carried on a militant fight for an end to discrimination against anyone for his color or race. We are only too glad to add our voice to the protests against the exclusion of Kenny Washngton.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS ADD VOICE

The Young Democratic Club of Berkeley, including many students at the University of California, also went on record, saying that:

"Racial prejudice is adverse to our democracy.

"Whereas with almost unanimity the sports writers of the California press, sports authorities and all football enthusiasts have hailed Kenny Washngton of UCLA as one of the most brilliant and outstanding football players and sportsmen in the West . . . be it resolved that the officials of the Shrine East-West game be asked to explain."

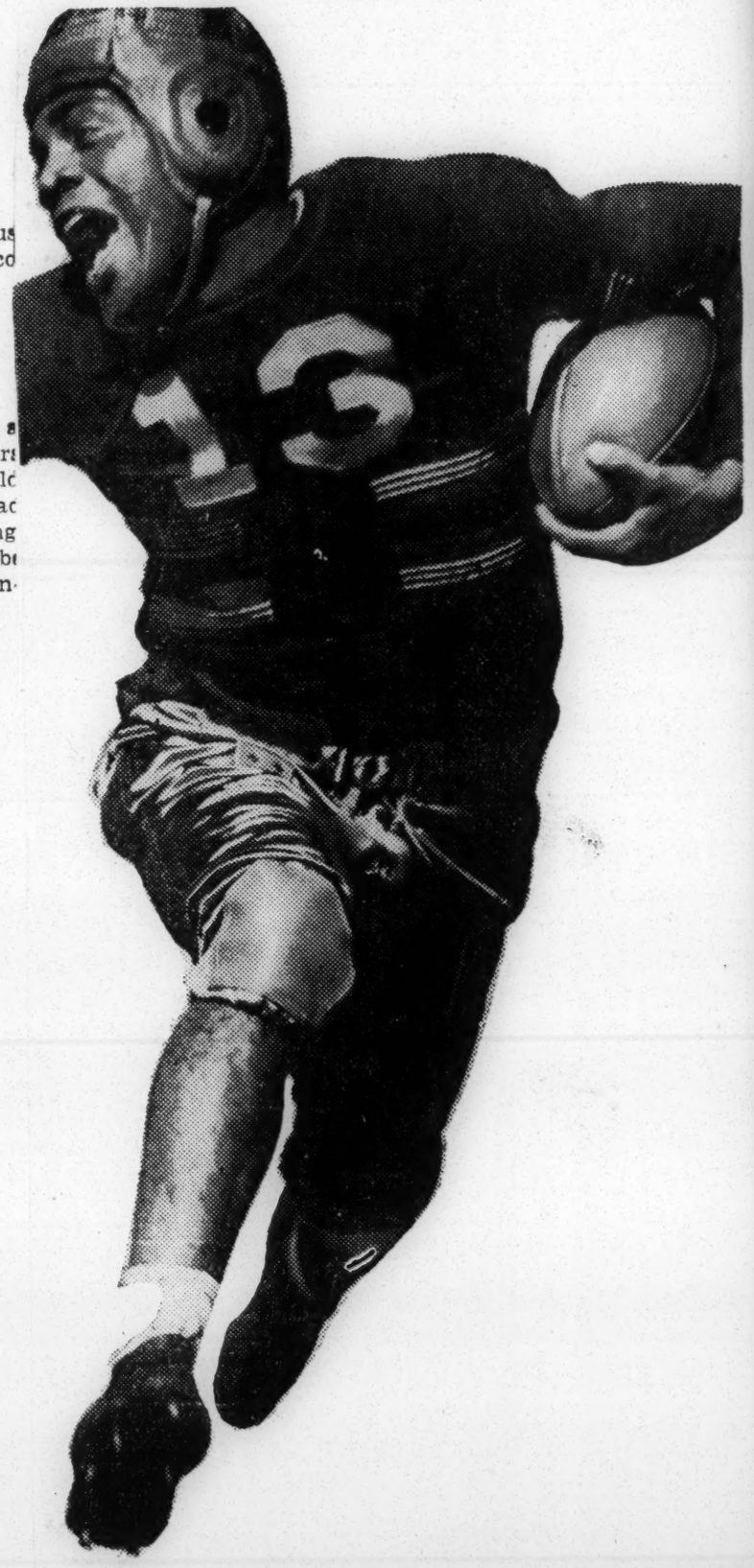
From the committee in the face of these and many other protests by individuals and organizations has come nothing but a guilty silence which is also a worried silence now for the gate, as spontaneous boycott and mass picketing in the strong union town of San Francisco is on the books.

Paul Cline, secretary of the Communist Party, said:

"It's 103,000 to 5. Kenny received the greatest ovation any player ever got on the Coast when he left the U.S.C. game. The committee's action stinks of race prejudice."

The Peoples World of San Francisco has been carrying on a steady campaign on the issue, supported by individual sport writers on some of the other papers. Kenny himself told the People's World that he had wanted very much to play in the East-West game, had given up some semi-pro offers in order to keep his amateur standing and that he could see no reason for the decision but Jim Crow. Babe Horrell, coach of UCLA, condemned the committee's action in an interview with the People's World.

The Committee walked into something when they tried to ignore Washington. The day has passed for putting over discrimination without a fight.



KENNY WASHINGTON, star who was left off the Western team. They used to get away with that stuff without a murmur. But no more.

Benched For Boston College-Clemson Game

LOU MONTGOMERY, sensational Boston College halfback, who will be jim-crowed for the third time this season when his team journeys to Dallas, Tex., to meet Clemson College in annual Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day. According to an announcement made by Curtis Sanford, president of the Cotton Bowl A.A., a conference between officials of Boston College and Clemson resulted in the decision that Montgomery could accompany his team to Dallas but would not be allowed to play because of "the general attitude towards Negroes in Texas." Montgomery had been previously kept out of games against Auburn and Florida and this latest action has caused severe criticism of the Catholic college officials for agreeing to the jim crow.

White Daily" Lauds Kenny

Los Angeles Examiner Is Coast's Leading Journal

LOS ANGELES.—The article below, from the Los Angeles Examiner, the leading paper of the Pacific Coast and one of the leading papers of the nation, refers to Kenny Washington, U. C. L. A.'s brilliant halfback, without making apologies as to his color.

Bruin Star Named on Second Team

Kenny Washington, U. C. L. A.'s brilliant halfback who is regarded as one of the best on the Pacific Coast as well as in the entire nation, was given additional honors yesterday when he was picked on the second team Hearst All-American.

Washington has been honored by every All-American team that has been selected so far this season.

Washington, whose sensational defensive play and blocking ability even outshines his running and is on a par with his brilliant passing, is a senior at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The big Negro left halfback weighs just under 200 pounds and is the backbone of the undefeated Bruins, who meet U. S. C. next Saturday for the right to represent the West in the annual Rose Bowl classic.

Washington is 23 years old and stands 1 inch over 5 feet. He played prep football at Lincoln high school here in Los Angeles.

It will be remembered that Washington was the one who threw the second longest pass in history to Hal Hirshon in 1937 when he completed a heave of 60 yards.

Atlanta Ga. Journal
August 25, 1939

ATLANTA NEGRO 5 STROKES BACK IN NATIONAL

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 25.—(AP). Cliff Strickland, Riverside, Cal., moved into a four-stroke lead at the end of 5 holes of medal play in the annual 724-hole National Negro Open golf championship Thursday.

Strickland turned in a 73 for the par 71 course for a score of 71-77-73—221, with Edison Marshall, Indianapolis, trailing with 184-77—225.

Hugh Smith, Atlanta, Ga., had 154-72—226. Howard, Wheeler, Atlanta, defending champion, had 77 for 230, along with Willie Haze, Chicago.

The final 18 holes of the open competition, and the 36-hole final match for the amateur title, will be held today.

Other scores include Zeke Hartsfield, 157-78—235; Ed Roby, 159-84—243, and A. D. Crosby, 154-77—231.

Weakened Eastern Clubs Could Use Negro Stars

8-13-39 Sunday Worker

Look at Giants, Phils, Dodgers, Bees in Local Point Shows Crying Need of New Talent

By Charles E. Dexter

Weakness of numerous major league teams is focusing attention on the concerted drive of the Daily Worker for the employment of Negro stars in organized baseball. This week's series at the Polo Grounds and Ebbets Field brings into highlight the shortage of first line players.

The Boston Bees, for instance, are playing with a crippled team, lacking reserves. The Bees lined up against the Dodgers, Phils and Giants this week with four of their nine positions occupied by players of less than major league calibre. At shortstop Rabbit Warstler .256, with 17 runs batted in in 86 games, alternated with 19-year-old Sisti, who is batting .200. It was pitiful to watch the ineffective work of these two replacements for the injured Eddie Miller.

In rightfield, Al Simmons, still a fair ball player, is holding grimly on to his job. But Al is far past his prime and Casey Stengel has no one coming up to take his place. In centerfield, 39-year-old Johnny Cooney plays as long as he is able. Johnny, a star fielder, hit about .100 this week. The Bees have no funds to buy players, but Negro stars are ready and anxious to step in.

The Dodgers have a similar problem. Leo Durocher says he would use Negro stars if the owners would permit him to do so. At present Leo needs pitchers badly. He is working seven men day in and day out, getting good results from Hamlin, Casey and occasionally from Tamulis. Wyatt and Mungo are shelved for the season, and Negro pitching stars are at hand. As for the team on the field, Dixie Walker has hit well, but Dixie is another leg case. Koy and Stainback are not of major league calibre. Gene Moore is to all appearances through. Young Parks shows promise. But the fact is that despite Larry MacPhail's generosity in buying new outfielders, neither Walker, Parks nor the pitiful Almada are more than players on the marginal line of major league competition. As for the catching staff, it consists of Babe Phelps, the slow and erratic Todd and veteran Hayworth, now fit only for warm-up duty.

The Phils have similar weaknesses which could be helped by the infusion of Negro strength into the line-up. Scharein and Roy Hughes are the keystone combination. Scharein is batting .233, Hughes, .240, the latter a castoff from the American League. Marty in centerfield is hitting .190. Catcher Millies is down to .243. The pitching staff star is veteran Syl Johnson, which gives you an idea of why the Phillies are in last place. Of the present staff only Higbe and Mulachy are major leaguers, with Johnson just a relief pitcher.

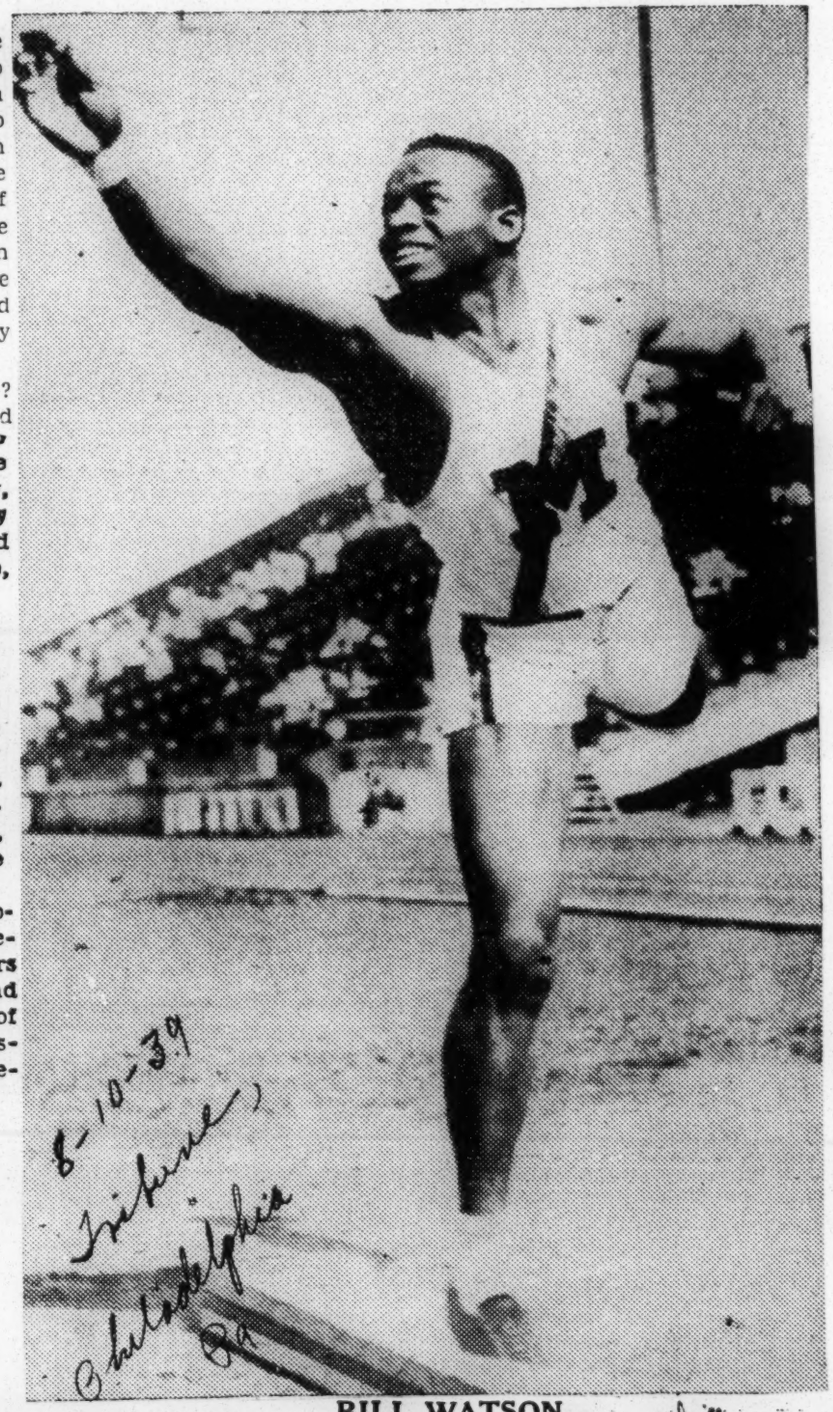
As for the Giants, whose manager, Bill Terry, is openly opposed to Negroes in the big leagues, the metropolitan team, which in the past New York fans top-notch ball, is without a future. Bonura at first base, despite his hitting, is not of championship quality. Burgess Whitehead at second, is an ill man. His replacement, Kamppouris, is a minor leaguer, in field and at bat. Tom Hafey at third is another minor leaguer, brought up too soon as a result of Lou Chiozza's unfortunate injury. But Lou himself is hardly of big league timber.

As for the outfield, Ott and Demaree are still up there, but Joe Moore is past his peak and Ripple is fat and slow. Furthermore, the pitching staff is second-rate all along the line. The Giant tragedy is that no replacements are coming up from the farm system. Jersey City has no one to offer except Jones, who is an outfielder two years away from the big time. When Danning is out of the game, there is no big league catching replacement. The situation is desperate, for it is evident that the Giants have no trading material and must go into the open market to buy players.

But what players can they buy? The Yanks, Tigers, Indians, Red Sox, Cards and Reds have tied up many of the best newcomers in the minors. The Yanks have Priddy, Witek and Judnich coming up. Only if other big league teams do not need the cream of the minor league crop, can the Giants get new blood.

Yet Terry is opposed to experimenting with the many Negro stars who have worked for years in their own Jim Crow leagues. It is quite apparent that this situation will soon make the need for Negro players so apparent that a weakening in the magnates' opposition to Negro stars may come, possibly at next winter's league meetings.

In the meantime the fans are doing their share with their urgent demand that the discriminatory bars be let down. Petitions, letters and personal appeals for the signing of Negro players are bringing the question more and more to the forefront.



8-10-39 Inquirer Philadelphia Pa

BILL WATSON

LONDON.—Bill Watson was the big shot in the shot put and the broad jump Sunday and thereby gave the traveling A. A. U. squad victory over a picked English team here.

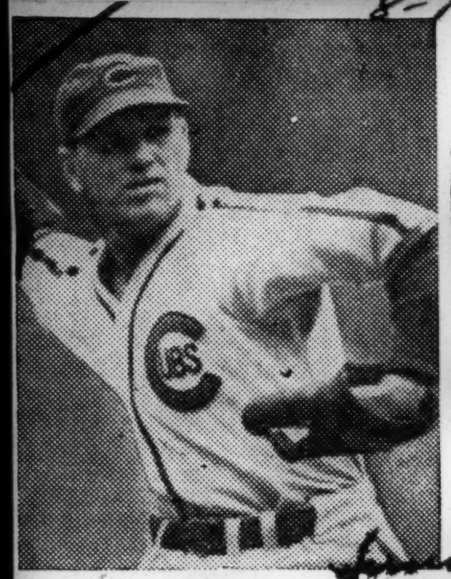
Watson won both of these events and took third place in the discus to gain 13 of the 41 points the United States team got. Great Britain was second with 25, and Germany, Italy and Sweden runners-up.

Watson grabbed first in the shot put with a heave of 52 feet 8 inches, thereby breaking the established British record by three inches.

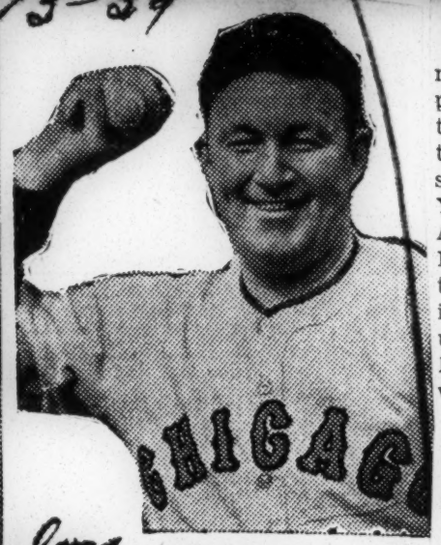
In the broad jump pit he was successful with a jump of 24 feet 6 inches.

GLASGOW, Scotland.—In the first meet in which the touring U. S. squad took part here, Friday, Joe Batiste deserted his usual spot in the hurdles to run in the 100 meter dash.

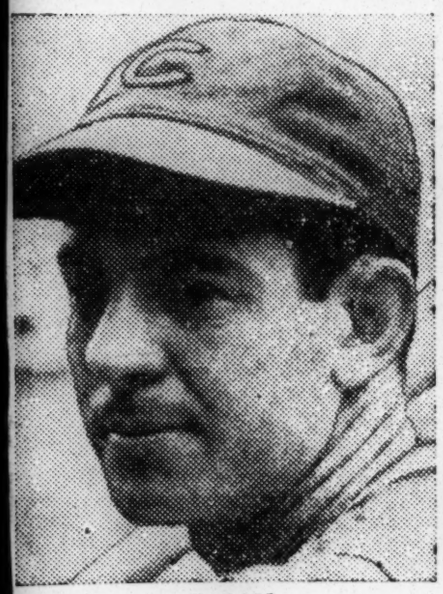
Though he was just inches behind the leader at the tape, he finished second to Frank Watson of this city, who did the distance in 9.8. Watson had a ten-yard handicap.



DEAN
"They should be in the majors."



HARTNETT
"Not interested in color, only ability."



GALAN
"Rate big leagues."

BRYANT
"Paige, one of best ever."

Cub Manager, Players Join Others Against Discrimination

Manager Gabby Hartnett of the Chicago Cubs joined Bill McKechnie, Leo Durocher, and Doc Prothro last week to make the count of National League managers in favor of ending discrimination against Negro players four to one.

In answer to the question of Wendell Smith of the Pittsburgh Courier, "Would you use Negro players on the Cubs?" the popular manager of the league champions replied:

"If given permission, I wouldn't hesitate one minute. I am not interested in a player's color, just his playing ability.

"The color problem is not one to be solved by the manager," he continued, "but is one that the owners and key men of big league baseball must decide on.

"There are any number of good Negro ball players around the country, and I'm sure that if we were given permission to use them, there'd be a mad scramble between managers to sign them up."

"PAIGE BEAT ME FOUR OUT OF SIX," SAYS DEAN.

The day before Hartnett's forthright statement, the Courier reporter interviewed five members of the Cubs who were watching a twilight game between the Homestead Grays and New York Black Yankees. They were Dizzy Dean, Augie Galan, Clay Bryant, Vance Page and Earl Whitehill, and like the players on all the other teams interviewed so far, they were unanimous in their praise of the Negro stars. Said the famous Diz, who hails from Holdenville, Okla.

"If some of the colored players I've played against were given their chance to play in the majors they'd be stars as soon as they joined up. Listen . . . Satchell Paige could make any team in the majors. I pitched against him in about six exhibition games and came out the loser in four or five of them (before the sore arm). He's got everything a pitcher can have. Shucks—only his color holds him back. He could be plenty help to some of these big league teams—I'm telling you."

GIBSON WORTH $200,000

After getting his second wind, Diz lauded Josh Gibson.

"Just watch him work right now," he enthused. "Watch him work this pitcher. He's tops at that. And boy, oh boy, can he HIT a ball!" Told that Walter Johnson rated Bibson better than the Yank's Bill Dickey, and worth $200,000 to any big league team, Diz said, "I don't know much about Dickey, but I'll agree with Walter when he says Gibson is worth $200,000."

Dean said some of the toughest games he ever played in were against Negro teams. He was proud of having almost held his own against Paige, and of once striking out Gibson.

"Why I've played against a Negro All-Star team that was so good we hardly had a chance. We had a team of big leaguers too."

BRYANT AGREES

Clay Bryant, the kid from Virginia who won 19 games last year, agreed that he had seen many Negro stars who belonged in the majors. He said particularly that Satchell Paige was one of the greatest pitchers he had ever seen.

Vance Page, the Carolina curver, said:

"Sure I've seen some colored players good enough for the majors. I'd name Gibson and Paige as two of the best playing the game today."

Earl Whitehill, American League veteran, said:

"I'd name this big first baseman from Newark who hits the ball so hard—Mule Suttles, as one Negro player who should be in the big leagues. I've pitched against him in a number of exhibition games, and I think he hit a homer in almost every game. I would also pick Paige and Gibson as big leaguers. I bet any number of managers would like to have them right now."

Fleet Augie Galan also said Gibson and Paige were big leaguers "This is the second time I've seen Gibson play, and I'm more convinced than ever that he rates a position on a big league team."

There was the sentiment of the rank and file ball player added to that of the manager. And for the information of those who predict "trouble" from the Southern players, four of the five players quoted above hail from below the Mason and Dixon line.

The testimony is adding up. Next Sunday—Ray Blades and the St. Louis Cards.

Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald
September 30, 1939

See Them Today!

Today at the Yankee Stadium you can see some of the Negro stars that major league managers and players agree, belong in the big leagues. The Homestead Grays, with Josh Gibson, meet the Black Yankees, and the Baltimore Elite Giants play the Cuban Stars. Admission 55, 1.10 and 1.65. Games start 2 P. M.

Elite Giants Will Face All-Stars In Saturday Battle

The Baltimore Elite Giants and a picked team of All-Stars from the Negro Industrial League will fight it out in the final baseball battles of the season at Rickwood Field Saturday afternoon. This will mark the third appearance of the Elite Giants in Birmingham during the fast-fading season.

Frank Perdue, in charge of arrangements for the curtain-raller on colored baseball in Birmingham stated Friday night that everything pointed to one of the biggest crowds of the season for the Saturday games.

Though Birmingham failed to have a team of Black Barons in the Negro American League this year, many of the fans who followed the fortunes of the colored teams of the district thought this loop boasted just as good players as were to be found in the Negro American League. They thought the Birmingham boys could give a good account of themselves against any company. That's the reason the games were arranged as a climax to the diamond game in Birmingham.

SPORTS- 1939

Joe Louis Would Have Beaten Jack Johnson Too, Say Records

While there are many fistic historians who insits that Jack Johnson, first recognized Negro heavyweight champion of the world, could have pinned Joe Louis' ears back with ease, the records of the two men upon comparison, favor the Brown Bomber.

On December 25, 1908, Jack Johnson won the heavyweight title by knocking out Tommy Burns in 14 rounds at Sydney, Australia. Burns had won the title in 1905 by knocking out Jack Root in an elimination tourney to determine the champion after James J. Jeffries had retired.

KAYOED BY WILLARD

Johnson held the title until 1915, when he was knocked out by Jess Willard in Havana, Cuba, in the 26th round.

While champion, Lil' Arthur defeated Stanley Ketchel, Jim Flynn, Frank Moran, Jim Johnson and Jim Jeffries. He knocked out Ketchel, and Jeffries while defending his crown, and two of the bouts were won on decisions, the one against Battling Jim Johnson, incidentally, was questionable according to the record books.

Jack fought Battling Jim, according to Tom Andrews' "Ring Battles of Centuries," in Paris, France, December 19, 1913. It was the first heavyweight title fight between Negro participants in history. The contest went eight rounds and was called a draw, according to the historians.

ONLY TWO KNOCKOUTS

Jack's record while champion gave him two knockouts, two decisions and a draw.

In his sixth defense of his title, Johnson was knocked out by Jess Willard in Havana, Cuba.

Boxing's "Black Beauty" defended his title six times, retained it five, with four victories and one draw to his credit.

Besides the Willard knockout, Johnson was kayoed by Joe Choynski. He also lost decisions to Klondike, Marvin Hart, Hank Griffin and Joe Jeannette. He was held to draws five times.

While Jack was a great champion, his record when compared with Joe Louis' is not so imposing.

LOUIS YOUNGEST CHAMP

Louis became the youngest man to ever hold the heavyweight title on June 22, 1937, when he knocked out Jim Braddock in Chicago. Louis was then 23 years old. Johnson was 30 when he won the championship.

In the past three years, Joe has defended his heavyweight title eight times. No other champion in heavyweight history has put his toga on the block so often in three years. He has fought a total of 39 rounds and the average number of rounds he has permitted his foes to stay around is 5.

He has been defeated once by Max Schmeling. Louis was knocked out by Schmeling in New York in 1936. He came back in 1938 and more than evened the score by finishing the German in one round.

In five years of professional campaigning, Louis has suffered only one defeat in 43 starts.

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Dillard U. Joins The S.C.A.A.

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 22 — The sixteenth annual meeting of the South-Central Athletic conference was held here, Dec. 15 and 16 and proved to be one of the most successful gatherings in the history of the organization.

In addition to Dillard university and Stillman institute admitted to membership in this meeting, other members are: Alcorn A. and M. college, Campbell college, Jackson college, Leland college, Mississippi Industrial college, Mount Beulah college, Okolona Industrial college Piney Woods school, Rust college and Tougaloo college.

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Delegates present were: Alan T. Busby, W. B. Nelson, W. H. Porter and C. C. Craddock of Alcorn college; Eddie Dalton and E. R. Lawrence of Campbell college; T. B. Ellis and Edgar Stewart of Jackson college; R. S. Turner and Oliver Brown of Leland college, president; John Long and James Ratten of Mount Beulah college.

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Tackles: Lewis, Tougaloo and Keaton, Campbell.

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Center: Beauchamp, Leland.

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103,000 Cheered Him

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As he did so 103,000 bankers, politicians, movie stars, clerks, laborers reliefers—the cross section of America—arose as one and applauded him for 10 minutes. He was, they knew, a great back, a good student and a manly youth who had brought credit to his school, his race and his country.

The applause of the tremendous crowd, the largest ever to witness a football game west of the Mississippi River, still resounded in Kenny Washington's burning ears as he lost himself in the shadows of his locker room.

"Kenny Washington, cheered for 10 minutes by an American crowd of 103,000 people, was proof to all the world that in this country there is no limit to what a boy can achieve if he stays in there and keeps trying," was what Ed Sullivan, famed Hollywood columnist of The (New York) Daily News, wrote in his column last Monday.

Every red blooded American must have felt proud of the fact that he is an American after reading about the grand tribute paid to the U. C. L. A. star; for it's seldom that any youth, rich or poor, black or white, is ever accorded the splendid hand that was so enthusiastically given to Kenny Washington in Los Angeles Stadium as he jogged around the gridiron for the final time.

Yet, the paradox of it all, something which many in the crowd of one-tenth of a million which cheered him for 10 minutes probably never thinks of; something which gnaws at the vitals of our democracy; something that may bring frustration and tragedy into the life of Kenny as it has in the lives of others, is this:

Despite Kenny's ability, courage honesty; despite all of his excellent characteristics, he is denied many privileges and rights which go to make U. S. citizens the most blessed in the world. He is barred, for example, from playing professional football. Thousands of jobs are closed to him, although he might have the ability to fill any of them as well as the next guy. His entire life is proscribed now and will become even more so after he receives his sheepskin from U. C. L. A. and goes out into the world to make his way.

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Kenny Washington's Banning From Shrine Game Called "Unamerican"

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Forthright in his denunciation of the injustice was Lloyd Ellis E. Patterson who as an "old football player" said in a letter to the Sentinel, a local weekly, that failure to name Washington was "not the sentiment of the majority of the people. Such prejudice is un-American. If we believe in Democracy there must be equal justice to all people irrespective of color or creed."

GOVERNOR EVADES ISSUE

Less direct and a little evasive was Governor Culbert L. Olson who in response to an appeal for his aid by the Sentinel hedged by saying through his son and secretary, Richard Olson, that he lacked all of the facts and that he had been advised that "Kenny Washington. . . probably would not have accepted" because of a desire to play collegiate baseball this spring. This statement by the governor is at odds with the fact that Washington declared openly before the invitation was denied him that he would not play collegiate baseball.

While the governor's secretary did say that "the reaction of the governor. . . to the failure to appoint Kenny Washington as one to participate in the East-West football game was that the outstanding football player on the Pacific Coast had been eliminated", he claimed that the fact that the two coaches, Babe Hollinberry and Percy Locey, reside out of the state prevented the governor from criticising the committee for its action.

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In conclusion the governor's secretary said he did not feel that he could "honestly question the motives of the committee. . . but invites presentation of additional facts before passing judgment upon the committee's action."

Far less doubtful that the committee making the selection deserved criticism were thousands of fans and sports writers everywhere as well as the student council of U. C. L. A. the Maritime Federation of the Pacific and various student organizations who branded the failure to name Washington as a disgrace and a travesty on fair play and good sportsmanship.

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By AL WHITE

WASHINGTON—(ANP)—Snooty theater owners and the snobbish D. A. R. may well take lessons—but, the Brewers were playing a from Chris Heurich, owner of the colored team indoors, and to top it professional basketball team in this off they had two officials, one city. And at the same time, George white and other colored, our old Marshall of the Redskins and Clark friend Chris Huiswold. And during Griffith of the dilapidated Sena- the game, at time outs and so tors basketball team should give forth, prominent colored persons ear. attending were announced over the microphone and an invitation extended all to attend the remaining games of the basketball season.

When the world champion Renaissance team played the Heurich Even in this lop-sided (racially Brewers of the American League speaking) town, lessons may be here Wednesday night, fully one learned by some as to how mixed half of the crowd which packed crowds may be handled. The Rens the gymnasium was colored—and are not cream puffs, either—as they sat where they pleased with you may well imagine—and they no difficulty from the whites who fought for every decision just as attended the same show. any sporting club will do— and argued with either the white or the colored referee as the occasion arose.

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DALLAS.—While America was lauding the fine sportsmanship displayed in the gruelling U.S.C.-U.C.L.A. game in Los Angeles in which three colored boys played outstanding roles, another chapter was being written in the book of un-American principles with Boston college, located within a stone's throw of the spot where Crispus Attucks fell to break the chains of English tyranny, and Clemson college of South Carolina, vicious link of the rebel country, as participants.

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Boston Proffered Agreement

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BOSTON COLLEGE BOWS ONCE AGAIN TO DIXIE TRADITION

Pittsburgh Courier 12-23-39
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Special to The Courier
By Staff Correspondent

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—For the third time this season Boston college has willingly submitted to the whims and undemocratic traditions of Dixie!

John Curley, graduate manager of athletics at Boston College, announced Sunday night that Lou Montgomery, Boston's great Negro halfback, will be Dallas, but will not be permitted to participate in the pre and post game activities and honors to be showered upon the two visiting teams. During the game, Boston ironically, has agreed to let him sit on the bench. 12-23-39

It was learned this week that Curtis Sandord of Dallas, promoter of the game, contacted authorities at Boston College and suggested leaving Montgomery at home. Head Coach Frank Leahy definitely refused to accept the proposal and demanded that Montgomery be permitted to make the trip. Courier

This is the third time Boston supposedly an institution of higher learning, has benched its Negro star against southern teams this season. He was kept out of the Florida and Auburn games, both of which were played in Boston.

Leading Boston sports writers and citizens have repeatedly attacked Boston College for this discriminatory tactic, as well as yielding to the undemocratic prejudices of southern institutions.

During the season, Arthur Siegel sports editor of the Boston Daily Traveler, accused southern schools of "bamboozling" Boston College into benching Montgomery . . . not because they objected to his color, but because it was an opportunity to eliminate a star player.

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In the meantime, Montgomery's friends are advising him to reject the Dallas invitation to go on the trip.

Boston's excuse to bench Montgomery is looked upon here as a thin one. Dollars and cents, rather than the democratic ideals for which the institution is supposed to stand, is said to have influenced the Boston officials to submit to this unreasonable demand. Boston has forgotten all sense of decency, it is being said.

It has been pointed out that Texas Christian and Southern Methodist have both played against U. C. L. A., which has three regular Negroes on the team.

In an interview with Wendell Smith, assistant sports editor of The Courier, Matty Bell, famous coach of Southern Methodist, said last year that any team having Negro players could bring them to Dallas and play against the Mustangs.

Among other things, those fighting for Montgomery, point out that Boston College, is a Catholic school and is not supposed to submit to such un-Christian demands.

But, nevertheless, it appears that Montgomery will be made a victim for the third time this season benched for the third time this season when the team meets Clemson College of Clemson, S. C., in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Texas on January 1.

For the past three years, Montgomery has been the star of Boston's backfield. But he's not good enough to play against Clemson Boston officials agree by keeping him out of the game.

The decision to keep Montgomery out of the Cotton Bowl tilt has aroused a storm of protest throughout the New England states.

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Sun. Worker 12-10-39

N.Y. City

By LESTER RODNEY

The winter meeting of the baseball magnates at Cincinnati has ended without any action having been taken on the widespread demand to end the un-American Jim Crow ban that keeps out what Manager Bill McKechnie of the Cincinnati Reds estimates as at least twenty Negro stars capable of stepping right into the big leagues.

It is a widespread demand and a growing one, and the magnates all know it. Fans, players themselves, managers, and sports writers increasingly in the past three years have rapped the bad sportsmanship and stupidity that keeps a great group of qualified stars out of our "National Pastime."

The question should have been brought to a head at the meetings just past. Jim Crowism could have been licked. Had there been a representative organization at Cincinnati to bring the issue to the floor publicly the magnates could not have evaded the question any longer and in the face of the overwhelming sentiment for ending discrimination could have been forced to rule out Jim Crow.

Then instead of a lot of harassed and issue dodging pussyfooting such as the laughable ruling to keep the Yankees from making a deal with any other club, the meeting would have resulted in the rapid signing up of the Negro stars by the managers, almost all of whom have fervently and out loud wished they could grab up players like Suttles, Gibson and Paige to strengthen their teams. Then chances for a real competitive baseball race in 1940 instead of the inevitable fifth straight yawn-provoking walkaway by the Yankees would come to life. And so would baseball, whose slump in attendance last year puts the handwriting on the wall for the shortsighted magnates to read.

There were a lot of little deals involving second string players, none of which can conceivably help narrow the gap between the Yankees and the field. Imagine for a moment the real stir in interest that would come about if one of the other American League teams were to suddenly get Bill Dickey and Charley Ruffing. In the opinion of almost all the ballplayers and managers, who play as sportsmen against the Negro players in after season competition, Josh Gibson and Satch Paige are at least as good as those two great Yankees. At least.

Conducting a lone fight as an organized group, the Young Communist League of New York State easily got more than 50,000 signatures on petitions outside the New York ball parks during the past summer and forwarded them to the meeting, where they were presented to Ford Frick, National League president. Admitting that there were Negro players good enough for the big leagues, he shunted the petitions aside with vague phrases about being a "business man, not a crusader" and they never reached the floor, where at least one magnate, Benswanger of Pittsburgh, had promised to fight for an end to discrimination if it came up for discussion.

How bad a business man he is Mr. Frick will discover next year when the process of "So what—the Yanks will murder 'em all anyhow" will hit National as well as American League attendance to the greatest degree yet . . . UNLESS the overwhelming majority of fans, players, managers and writers who favor an immediate end to discrimination manage to push the question through in an organized way. It can still be done in time for 1940.

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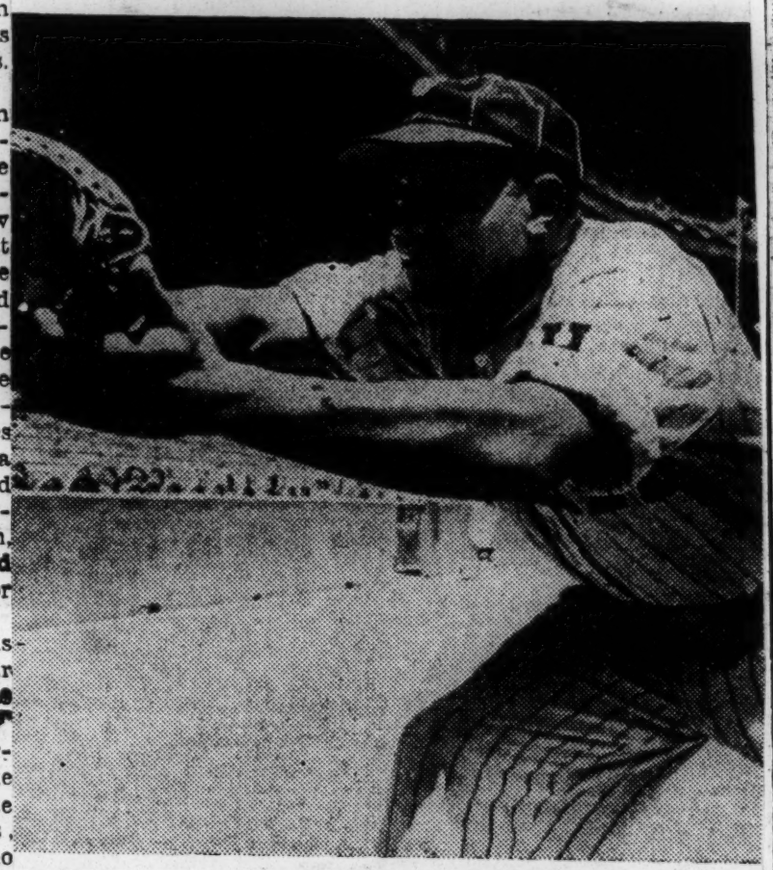
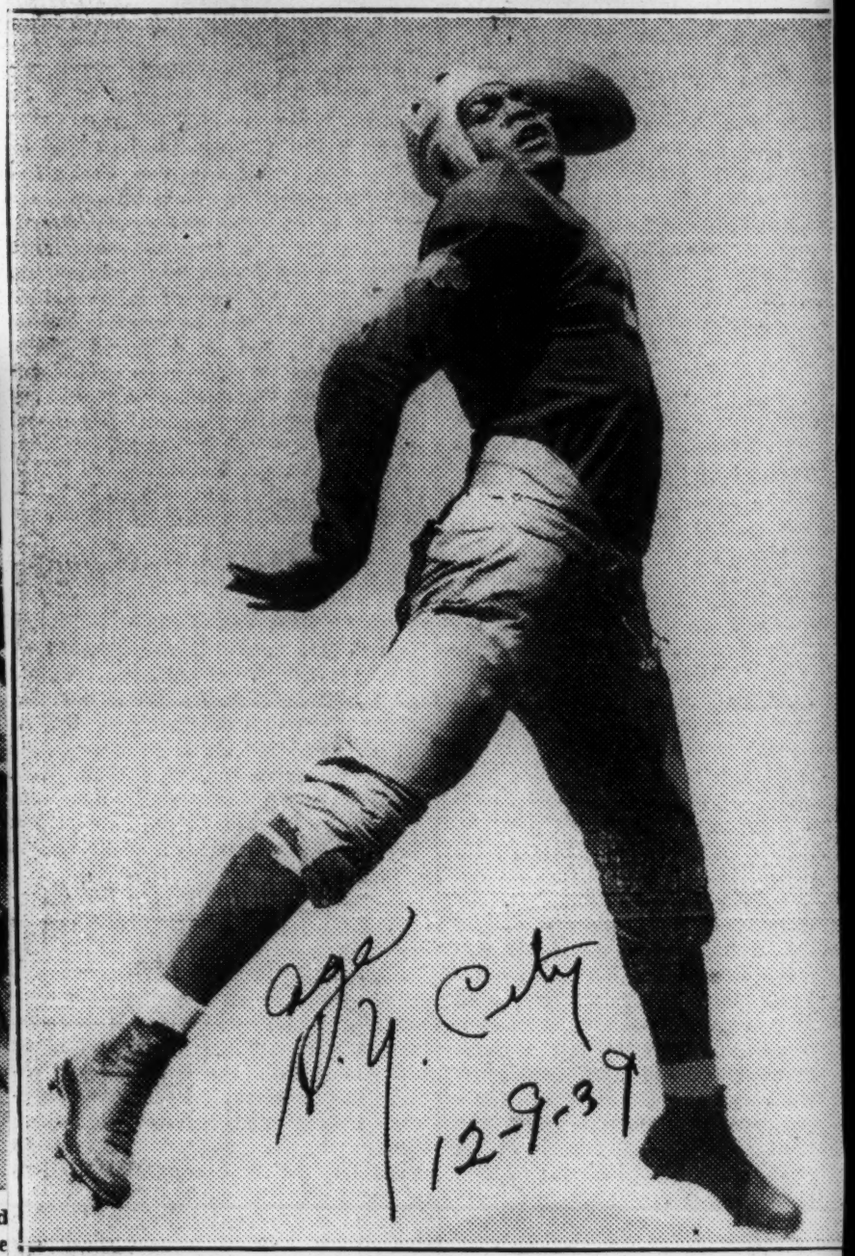


This is Buck Leonard, a first baseman who can hit and field right up with the best in the big leagues. He's one of the at least twenty Negro stars still being kept out of the game by Jim Crow.

ROSE BOWL BOUND?



KENNY "General" WASHINGTON, All-American half-back of the University of California at Los Angeles who will face the terrible Trojans of Southern California this Saturday in a battle for Pacific Coast Conference gridiron supremacy and the coveted Rose Bowl bid.

SPORTS - 1939

ANOTHER JESSE OWENS ? - - -

That's What They Call 4 Event Star At School Where Jesse Got Start

CLEVELAND — "Another Jesse Owens?"

That's the question they are asking concerning Chester Thomas, student at East Tech High School here, where the Olympic great of all times, Owens, was developed.

Coach Ivan Green, who started Jesse on the upward path, thinks so and points to Thomas' record at the Senate championships, the biggest thing in schoolboy competition in this state.

Thomas won the 100, the 220, the broad jump and anchored the 880-yard relay team to victory. He scored 52 1-2 points and Tech won its 15th championship in 39 years.

It's the sound of this record that takes local track fans back years ago when Owens was a student at Tech and doing the same things that Thomas is doing now.

In fact so good is Chester th.. he came within a second of topping Jesse's mark in the 220. He covered the distance in 21.9, while Owens did it in 21.8 in 1933.

TRADE SHOES

Thomas and Owens met recently and the Olympic star suggested that Chester wear his shoes in the championship meet. The two lads wear the same size footwear and Chester had no trouble whatsoever in doing his stuff with the footgear of the Western ace.

Thomas is much like Owens in appearance, having slim powerful legs and getting off from a start with a terrific burst of speed.

The week previous to the state championships, he aided in lowering a mark once held by Owens. In the 880 relay he brought the team in with a record of 1.29.4, lower than the old mark of 1.30.3 set when Owens was running anchor on the squad in 1933. This is the first time in six years that a record set in an event in which Owens participated has been broken.

Borican In Win Over Rideout

LONG BANCH, N. J., June 23—John Borican, after losing in the Princeton university's invitational 880 on Saturday came into his own on Tuesday in the Shore A.C. twilight invitation race meet by defeating Blaine Rideout, white, North Texas State Teachers' college, in a 1,000-yard run by five yards.

Archie Williams, Olympic 400-meters champion, finished third in the 500-yard run.

Ben Johnson, former Columbia university captain and now of the Grand Street Boys' club of New York city, was first in the century with Eulace Peacock, formerly of Temple university and now of the Shore A.C., second. Johnson's time was 9.7 seconds. Johnson won the 220-yard dash in 21.8 second with Williams second and Peacock third.

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John Borican Finally Wins Outdoors: Walker Triumphs

LONG BRANCH, N. J.—(ANP)—Just as track followers had about given up hope of seeing John Borican win outdoors after burning up the boards all winter, the [illegible] Virginia State star won the featured 1,000 yard run of the Shore A. C.'s twilight invitation meet Tuesday in 1:22.4 finishing five yards ahead of Blaine Rideout of North Texas State Teachers.

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Portsmouth, Va. Star
October [illegible], 1939

Negro College Football Draws Thousands Weekly

By E. R. WHEELER

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 25—(AP)—Unconcerned with the nation's glamour teams and "Bowl" prospects, several hundred thousand American Negroes are becoming Saturday bleacherites and Sunday morning quarterbacks.

They are busy betting on their own favorites in six separate Negro college football conferences, and disputing who will meet 1938's defending national champion, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, in December's Orange Blossom game at Orlando, Fla.

Lucius (Melancholy) Jones, sports editor of the Atlanta Daily World, Negro newspaper, estimated today there are more than 3,000 football players competing on teams of approximately 70 Negro colleges. Fifty teams are listed in four major and two minor conferences, which embrace a territory extending from Richmond, Va., to Tyler, Tex.

And for harried football coaches, these are pastures green. There's no snarling from disgruntled alumni, there's no playing for big gates, and the mentor of a losing team usually can hold his job 'til Gabriel toots his horn.

Take the Southern Intercollegiate Atheltic Conference, popularly called the SIAC. Veteran Cleveland S. Abbott has coached Tuskeegee Institute 17 seasons; eight of the 14 schools have had their present coaches more than 10 years; and no coach has been at the helm less than four years.

Abbott has been most successful, turning out 10 SIAC champions and four national title-winners since 1923—pretty warm potatoes in any league.

In the SIAC, Negro grid fans are watching Alabama State College at Montgomery as a leading contender. Also powerful are Florida A. and M. at Tallahassee, the defending nationa champion, Morris Brown of Atlanta and Morehouse College, also of Atlanta.

Kentucky State at Frankfort, Ky., runner-up for national honor last year, is holding attention in the Midwestern Conference, made up of six teams in Tennessee, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky and West Virginia. The Kentuckians already have a tentative bid for the Orange Blossom Game—if they remain undefeated.

Virginia State College at Petersburg, Lincoln University at Lincoln, Pa., and Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C., are neck-and-neck contenders in the colored intercollegiate athletic association—the CIAA—which includes 13 schools along the eastern seaboard.

Wiley University at Marshall, Tex., Prairie View Normal at Prairie View, Tex., and Langston University, Langston, Okla., are rated powers in the seven-team southwest athletic conference, with Langstron favored to win.

South Carolina State College at Orangeburg and Benedict College at Columbia, S. C., are stand-outs in the five-way South Atlantic Conference, a minor division, while in the Mississippi area it's a toss-up between the five small schools of the South Central Athletic Conference.

Columbia, S. C. State
July 24, 1939

Net Results At Tuskegee

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., July 23.—New champions were crowned in five events, and only one defending champion stood the acid test of a score of rated stars and coming intercollegiate champions at the Southern Open tennis championships which closed a successful four-day tournament here Saturday.

Jimmie McDaniel of Los Angeles defeated his Xavier university teammate, Richard Cohen, in straight sets in men's singles finals, 6-3, 6-1, 9-7. Margaret Peters, also a new champion, defeated her sister, Roumania, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Joseph King, the junior singles wonder, defeated the driving Louis Graves of New Orleans, another Xavier entry, in straight sets, 6-1, 6-2.

George Branche of Tuskegee was the only defending champion who won, defeating Francis Powell of Tuskegee, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

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Edmund Burke, chairman of the tournament committee, American Tennis association, presented trophies to the winners and runners-up to close the 15th annual Southern Open tournament.

Seeded stars headed the list of a fine group of thoroughbreds and faced the acid test for honors in the events of the Southern Open championships sanctioned by the American Tennis association played here on the championship courts four days, July 19, 20, 21, 22, under ideal weather conditions.

Newcomers took the lead from the seeded rated stars as the end neared Saturday and loomed as threats for the coveted places of the 23rd annual national championship that will be played off this year at Hampton institute, Hampton, Va., August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

Upsets began in the early rounds when the sensational Joseph King, 17-year-old Dorchester academy entry, came from behind in third set score of 5-2 to win five straight games and the match from Clifford Russell of Tuskegee, ace of the North Carolina Open tournament by a score of 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.

Seeded players in men's singles included Richard ("Dick") Cohen of Xavier university, James McDaniels of Xavier university, Ernest McCampbell and Clifford Russell of Tuskegee institute. In the junior singles Joseph King of Dorchester academy and William McTeer were seeded.

In the women's singles Margaret Peters and Roumania Peters topped the list. In the boys' singles George Branche, Jr., and Francis Powell were the seeded players. In the other events which included men's doubles and girls' singles there was no seeding.

Saturday Morning, July 22.

Women's Singles, Semi-Finals: Roumania Peters defeated Jessie Abbott, 6-0, 8-6. Margaret Peters defeated Letitia Woods, 6-1, 6-0.

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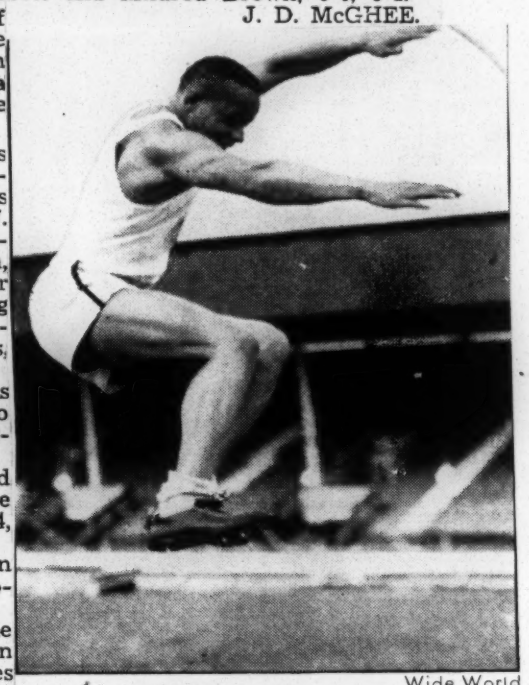

Wide World

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SPORT

Preview

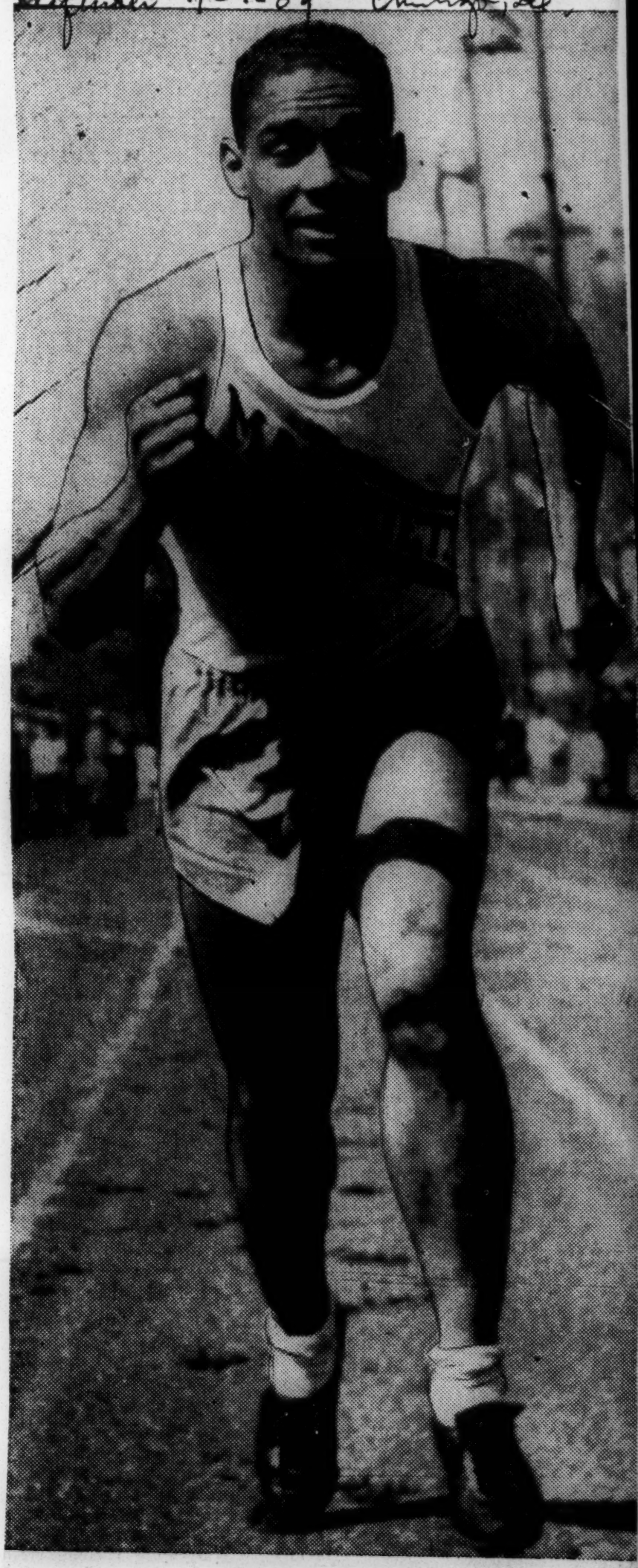
In London last week was staged what was tantamount to a preview of the Olympic Games to be held in Helsinki next summer. At White City Stadium 95 hand-picked track & field stars representing 16 nations competed in the British A. A. A.'s annual international track meet. Before 60,000 onlookers, the U. S. team of ten won eight of the 14 events, broke two British records (440-yd. hurdles and shot put), piled up 54 points—13 more than Great Britain, 29 more than Germany, 38 more than Italy.

In the 1936 Olympics, the No. 1 hero was Negro Jesse Owens of Cleveland, winner of the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and broad jump. Last week it appeared that the 1940 Olympic hero would be another midwestern U. S. Negro, 190-lb. William Dellouis Watson, University of Michigan senior. In last week's meet at White City, rangy Bill Watson scored 13 of the 54 U. S. points: first in the shot put (with a record-breaking heave of 52 ft. 8 in.), first in the broad jump (24 ft. 6 in.) and third in the discus.

Son of a Saginaw, Mich. dressmaker, Bill Watson—who is earning his way through college by waiting on table and acting as secretary to Prize Fighter Joe Louis—is considered the best all-round track man in the U. S. Besides winning the Big Ten championship in the shot put, broad jump and discus three years in a row, he has cleared the high jump at 6 ft. 5¾ in., has run 100 yd. in 10.1 sec., 440 yd. in 55 sec. If he can brush up on the pole vault, javelin, high hurdles and the 1,500-meter run, he may be America's best bet for the 1940 Decathlon championship.

MUST BE RECKONED WITH

Defender 7-1-39 Chicago, Ill.



GEORGE SHELTON

When the star dash men, including Mozel Ellerbe of Tuskegee Institute, Norman Holmes of Florida A. and M.; Tom Nelson of Fresno State Teachers of California; Ben Johnson, formerly of Columbia university; Eulace Peacock, formerly of Temple university in Philadelphia; Thompson of Jersey City, N. J., and those white aces, Clyde Jeffrey; Brown of Louisiana State; Wilbur Greer, Michigan State and others meet in the elimination trials of the 100 and 220 at Lincoln Nebr., this George Shelton, Marquette university, is going to have to be reckoned with. He gets away fast and may spring a surprise. In fact, he may be the next Junior A. A. U. dash champ.

AMBERS TRIUMPHS AND REGAINS TITLE

Avenges Last Year's Defeat by Armstrong, Recapturing Lightweight Crown

GATE REACHES $100,000

Nettlow Gains Decision Over Vaughn in a Preliminary—Kaplan Is a Winner

By JAMES P. DAWSON

Lou Ambers got his revenge last night. He outpointed Henry Armstrong in fifteen rounds of fighting at the Yankee Stadium, reversed the result of their meeting last August and regained the world lightweight championship.

The fight attracted a crowd of 30,000. It was estimated that the receipts topped the $100,000 mark.

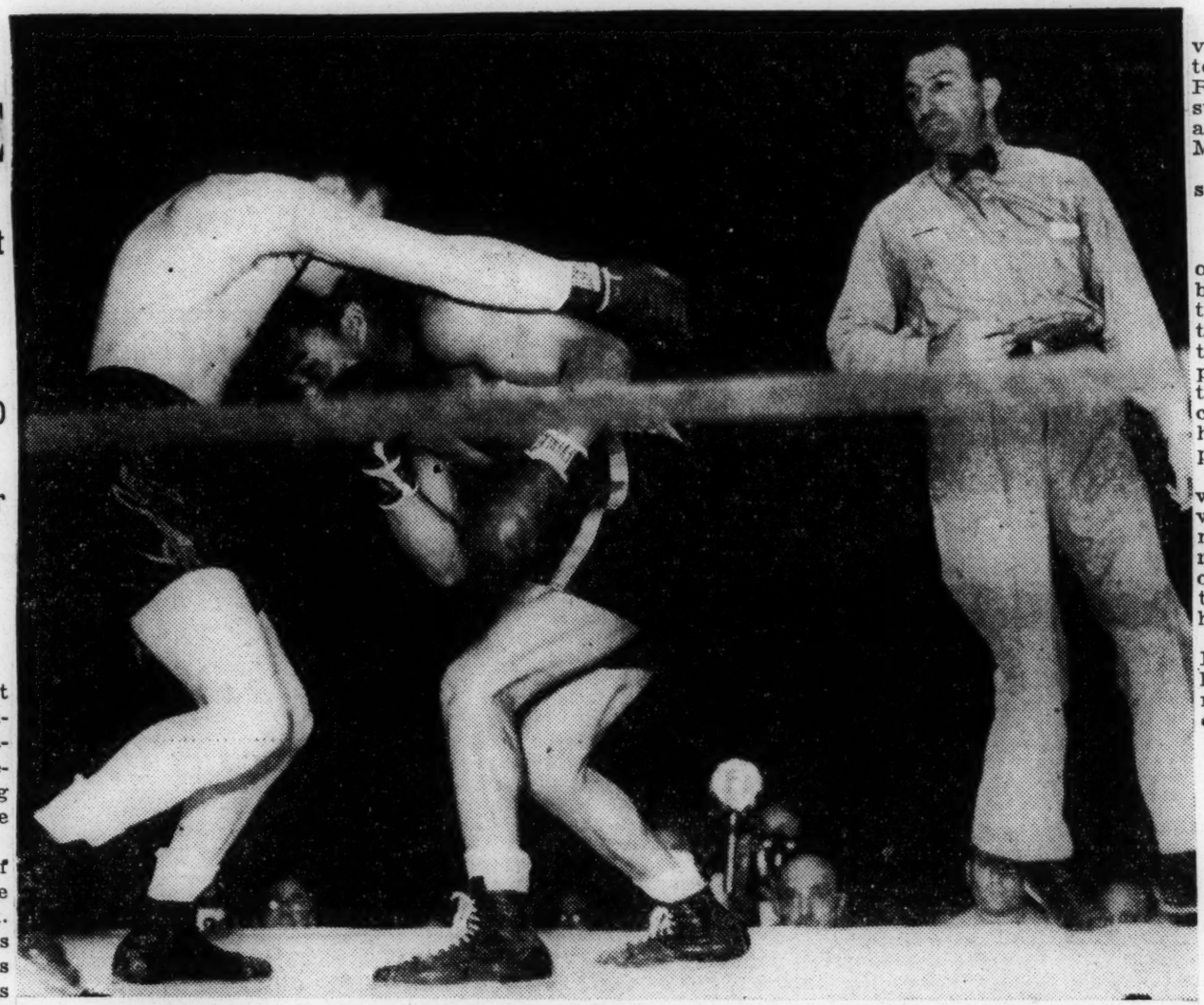
Armstrong weighed 135 pounds and Ambers 134½. The referee was Arthur Donovan and the judges were Bill Healy and Frank Fullam.

While Armstrong and Ambers were having their gloves laced on their hands, Tony Galento and Lou Nova, rival heavyweights who are to clash in Philadelphia Sept. 7, were introduced. Joey Archibald, world featherweight champion; Gus Lesnevich; Fred Apostoli, world middleweight champion; Billy Conn, world light heavyweight champion, and Jack Dempsey also were introduced from the ring.

It was 10:15 when the fighters were called to the center of the ring for instructions.

Ambers Rushes t Attack

To the surprise of many, Ambers fought Armstrong's style as the battle opened. The Herkimer Hurricane rushed to close quarters, and for most of three minutes fought Henry head to head, and did better than Armstrong. There was no question of Ambers's advantage when the bell rang at the end of the round, for he had outpunched Armstrong through all but thirty seconds of the session, and had Armstrong's mouth bleeding.



DURING FIRST ROUND OF FIGHT AT THE STADIUM

Armstrong ducks under right of Ambers in lightweight title contest last night

In the last thirty seconds Armstrong cut loose with a wicked left to the body and followed with a right to the jaw that shook Ambers to his toes. Another left to the jaw and a right to the jaw stung Ambers just before the bell.

It was the same through the second round, with this variation. Annoyed at his foe's blows, Armstrong added steam to his body fire and became erratic.

Midway in the session Henry struck low accidentally with a right and the punch cost him the session there and then. But the penalty was unnecessary. Ambers fought his way to the honors anyway.

Ambers again outscored his foe in the third, pounding rights and lefts to the body, head and face at close quarters and at long range, while Armstrong depended principally on solid left-hand smashes to the body.

The Champion Connects

In the final few seconds of the round the champion reached Ambers's jaw with a right and left that hurt. The crowd began wondering how long either could stand the pace and the punching.

The first sign of weakening came in the fourth—and from Ambers. Armstrong, plunging in tirelessly, hammered Ambers all over the ring through most of the round. A right cut Lou over the left eye, and always Ambers beat a disorderly retreat while Armstrong plunged recklessly, fearlessly on the attack.

One of Ambers's left hooks cut Henry over the right eye. But he tore in until he thought he heard the bell ringing, and then stopped. Ambers stopped, too, and they had to be recalled to action.

Another low punch, a light left that seemed as fair as it was foul, cost Armstrong the fifth round. In this session Henry hammered Ambers as he had in the fourth. Lou tried sparring at long range, but Armstrong continued to plunge in.

Armstrong pressed after his rival from start to finish of the sixth session and again had Ambers in full, desperate retreat. But in retreat Lou hooked enough lefts to the face to reopen the cut over Henry's right eye and hammered bruising rights home which brought the blood from Henry's mouth. Armstrong lost his mouthpiece for the second successive round.

Fight at Long Range

Ambers kept the fighting at long range through the early part of the seventh round and speared his foe repeatedly with long left hooks. But Armstrong then plunged in and had Ambers in full flight through the last two minutes. At the bell Armstrong landed a savage right to the jaw that hurt Ambers. Referee Donovan again took the round from Armstrong for fouling, although few at the ringside had seen the offense.

Armstrong gave his rival no time for rest in the eighth. He kept right on top of him throughout the round.

Armstrong hammered Ambers severely through the ninth round, too, but it brought him nothing. Referee Donovan penalized Armstrong the round for a low left aimed at the body. Manager Eddie Mead protested violently.

Through the tenth round Armstrong kept Ambers on the defense.

Erratic Punching Again Costly

Armstrong belabored Ambers furiously again in the eleventh round, but again erratic punching cost him the session. Referee Donovan took the round away for a low left near the end of the round, and when the penalty was imposed, again over the protests of Manager Mead, who claimed Ambers was flicking and hitting with an open glove without penalty, the crowd booed noisily.

It was the same in the twelfth, with the variation that Armstrong was not penalized. The champion never gave his foe a moment's respite, and hammered him all over the ring, absolutely indifferent to the few light punches Ambers had a chance to unlimber.

The thirteenth, too, was similar. Battered, bruised, his eyes puffed, his mouth bleeding, Armstrong ripped and tore at his foe and chased Ambers over the ring, hammering both hands to the body, face and head without particular direction, intent only on punching and punching with a fury that Ambers could not escape.

They stood in one spot in the ring through almost the entire fourteenth session, Ambers backed to the ropes, weakly working a left hook to the face, Armstrong pressing forward, his head on Lou's chest, firing away with lefts and rights to the body which had Ambers crumpling until the entered the last half minute. Then Armtsrong shifted his attack to the face and rocked and stung Ambers with solid rights and lefts to the jaw, while the crowd yelled madly.

Ambers sought desperately to rally through the fifteenth round, but Armstrong gave him no chance. Henry crowded in against Lou's blows and continued to hammer Ambers all over the ring.

Conditions Are Ideal

The battle was held under ideal conditions. The huge outdoor arena in the Bronx was comfortably cool for the occasion. On schedule at 5 o'clock the sale of $1.25 seats began, with a comparative handful making the initial entrance that was no rush at all.

The police detail was modest as compared to the last assignment of law-enforcement agents on the occasion of the Louis-Galento heavyweight title scrap. Inspector Jay J. McDonald of the Seventh Division, the Bronx, was in charge of this department. He had under him about 300 bluecoats—foot patrolmen, mounted men, motorcycle

police, sergeants, lieutenants, lieutenants and captains.

An elaborate telephone system under supervision of uniformed patrolmen extended from the ringside to the vantage points inside and outside the park where reserves were grouped against emergencies.

Two emergency trucks were parked outside the arena, as well as a sound truck of the police department. Two telephone booths were advantageously placed near the main entrances affording direct communication to the ringside. Two ambulances were parked at the stadium and doctors from Morrisania Hospital were seated at the ringside.

Jacobs Arrives Early

Promoter Jacobs, early on the scene, announced his advance sale as of Monday night at "about $60,000." He added that the favorable weather of yesterday, together with the propitious outlook for last night, resulted in a downtown business of $25,000 in sales, giving him $85,000 before the gates really were opened to ringside spectators at 7 P. M.

Governor Happy Chandler of Kentucky was among the ringside observers.

Steve Haddon, West Side lightweight, and Angelo Lato, Brooklynite, fought an interesting four-round draw as the opening event on the card. Haddon weighed 140 pounds and Lato 145.

In the second encounter, another four-rounder, Bernie Miller, Harlemite, hammered his way to the decision over Pete Mascia of Brooklyn and provided a knockdown to add to the excitement. In the second round Miller upset his foe for a count of nine with a solid right to the jaw. Miller weighed 136, Mascia 141.

Al Nettlow, Detroit welterweight, showed ability as a puncher and boxer in winning the decision over Jimmy Vaughn, Clevelander, in the third battle, which went its scheduled six rounds.

Vaughn Pounded Steadily

Nettlow, spearing his foe with snappy straight lefts and working a right uppercut in combination with a left hook, pounded Vaughn steadily through the first three rounds. Despite the handicap of a badly swollen right eye, Nettlow had enough to fight off Vaughn's determined recovery through the last half of the battle. Nettlow weighed 140¼, Vaughn 135.

Mike Kaplan, Boston welterweight, flashed promise in scoring a technical knockout over Frankie Cavanna, East Sider, in the sixth and last round of their battle. Referee Joe Vaccarella stopped this contest after 34 seconds of the sixth round when Kaplan was hammering his foe about the ring.

The intervention came over the strenuous protests of Cavanna, who insisted he could have survived this storm. Some of the crowd thought similarly. At the time of the intervention, Kaplan was far ahead on points. Each boxer scaled 141½ pounds.

LIGHTWEIGHTS SET FOR STADIUM BOUT

Ambers Is Confident He Will Regain Crown He Lost to Armstrong a Year Ago

MUCH BETTING REPORTED

Odds Shorten in Rush to Back Champion—Promoter Looks for a Crowd of 50,000

HOW FIGHTERS COMPARE

ARMSTRONG.		AMBERS.
26 years	Age	25 years
135 pounds	Weight	135 pounds
5 ft. 5¼ in.	Height	5 ft. 6 in.
68 inches	Reach	70 inches
36 inches	Chest (normal)	37 inches
38¾ inches	Chest (expanded)	39½ inches
29 inches	Waist	29¾ inches
12½ inches	Biceps	13 inches
11½ inches	Forearm	12 inches
7 inches	Wrist	7 inches
19½ inches	Thigh	19¾ inches
12 inches	Calf	12 inches
9 inches	Ankle	9½ inches
15½ inches	Neck	15½ inches
9 inches	Fist	10 inches

By JAMES P. DAWSON

The curtain falls on local outdoor boxing tonight, as far as major events are concerned.

At the Yankee Stadium Henry Armstrong, Los Angeles Negro who holds the world welterweight and lightweight titles, will defend the latter crown against Lou Ambers, Herkimer Hurricane from whom he won the championship, in a struggle scheduled for fifteen rounds.

This being the first defense of the 135-pound crown by Armstrong, the contest has attracted so much attention among boxing followers that Promoter Mike Jacobs of the Twentieth Century S. C. yesterday forecast a gate of about $150,000 and an attendance of close to 50,000. He said that the advance sale had reached $70,000.

There was a disposition to attribute Jacobs's attendance forecast and his financial prediction to overenthusiasm. Some were disposed to question even the figures on the advance sale, conditions being what they are and the admission charges being scaled as they are.

Best Seats Cost $16.50

Ringside seats cost $16.50 each. The intermediate prices for reserved seats are $11.50, $5.75, $3.50 and $2.50, the bottom of the scale being reached at $1.25 per ticket for general admission. All prices include taxes. Conservative estimates placed the attendance at 30,000 and the receipts at $100,000.

There are to be 20,000 tickets of admission at $1.25 each placed on sale when the park gates are thrown open at 5 o'clock. These will admit purchasers to seats in the upper tier of the three-decked stand.

Jacobs will follow the policy he adopted with his previous two major outdoor fights here, the Nova-Baer and Louis-Galento battles, and not open the permanent bleachers. It is on a heavy demand for these $1.25 tickets that the promoter based his predictions.

"If we sell 20,000 of the admissions, or near that figure, we'll have close to 50,000 in the park," he said.

This shapes up as an attractive bout. First there is the championship angle that makes it of paramount importance. Then there is the knowledge of the slashing contest these two little gladiators furnished just a year og in Madison Square Garden. That match drew 19,200 and $102,190 in gross receipts.

Unbeaten Since 1936

Out-of-town fight followers will be among those at the ringside, but in modest numbers. There is not the appeal to a lightweight championship that there is to a heavyweight title struggle. But the home delegation leans more to the smaller fellows.

Holding the unparalleled distinction of being the only fighter in ring history to possess three titles at the one time—the world featherweight, lightweight and welterweight—and undefeated since 1936, with forty-six victories in a row, thirty-nine of them by knockouts, Armstrong tonight will enter the ring favorite to win at odds which are expected to go to 1 to 2.

Until yesterday the odds quoted around town were 5 to 7 and 5 to 8, with the Negro champion favorite. A flood of California money supporting Armstrong was said yesterday to have shortened the odds to 5 to 9, and indications pointed strongly to even shorter odds when the rivals clamber up on the battle platform at 10 o'clock tonight.

Ambers's adherents, skeptical over the condition of Armstrong's brittle hands and encouraged by the fact that Lou has won nine fights in a row since losing to Armstrong a year ago, five of them by knockouts, are backing their choice solidly.

Controversy May Result

The combatants will meet this morning at 11:45 o'clock at the office of the State Athletic Commission, where they are to weigh in at or under 135 pounds, the lightweight-class maximum.

Because Armstrong must train down to 135 pounds, the commission has speciifed by contract that tonight's battle is expressly for the lightweight crown, irrespective of the fact that Ambers, being at weight for the lightweight title, is also at weight for the welterweight title Armstrong holds. Since it has been ring history down through the years that a challenger can win a title whenever he is at or under the championship weight, regardless of the weight of the champion, the imbroglio promises a controversial aftermath if Ambers wins. Veteran ring followers insist Lou will be perfectly within his rights in claiming both titles if he conquers Armstrong.

That Armstrong's camp is cognizant of this possibility is reflected in the fact that Ambers is bound by contract to fight Armstrong for the welterweight title in November in the event Ambers wins tonight. Moreover, if he wins a clause of the contract prohibits Lou from engaging a bout until he again faces Armstrong.

The boxers completed their long and arduous training grinds without mishap. Eddie Mead, manager of Armstrong, insists his man's hands are in perfect condition and that a new mouthpiece, for which Armstrong has been specially fitted, will protect the California Negro from the mouth wounds he suffered from Ambers's fists last year.

Al Weill, manager of Ambers, on the other hand, says that the Herkimer Hurricane is primed for the fight of his life and more confident of victory than he has ever been on the eve of battle.

Ambers was established in a suite at the Concourse Plaza Hotel in the Bronx last night. Armstrong is to drive to the weighing rendezvous from his Pompton Lakes camp. After weighing this noon they will go their separate ways, not to meet again until summoned to the ring.

The fight will be broadcast over a nation-wide NBC hook-up. The first bout is scheduled for 8:30 P. M.

COAST RIVALS SCORELESS IN DECIDING TILT

News-Age-Herald

Record Crowd Of 103,300 Sees Uclans And Trojans In Deadlock Battle

Birmingham, Ala

12-10-39

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—The University of Southern California held the University of California at Los Angeles to a scoreless tie before a record breaking crowd of 103,300 Saturday and laid claim to the Rose Bowl assignment over the four-times tied Uclans.

First Period

U. C. L. A. lost five in three plays and punted to the S. C. 42. Grenny Lansdell banged off 27 yards in four line smashes to go into U. C. L. A. territory. U. C. L. A. held on their own 20, pushed the Trojans back and took the ball on downs on their own 22. Kenny Washington fumbled on his 28 and S. C. recovered.

Peoples and Lansdell carried the Trojans to two first downs, and Lansdell, from the 11, went to the five and fumbled, the ball going over the line. Strode recovered for a touchback. The Bruins kicked. Lansdell passed and Washington intercepted it. U. C. L. A. got nowhere and kicked. It was S. C.'s ball on its own 35 when the scoreless period ended.

Second Period

After a punt exchange, Robinson, Bruin back, on a lateral, galloped 22 yards to the Trojan 44, but the Trojans held for three downs. The Uclans punted. Amby Schindler, S. C. reserve back, failed to gain and kicked. U. C. L. A. took over on its 36. Washington made six through the middle but the Uclans again were forced to punt. The ball went out on the S. C. 34.

The two elevens fought out the first half on even terms. S. C., backed into its own backyard, punted. U. C. L. A. took it on its own 21. Washington passed for 19 yards to Ned Mathews to put the Bruins in midfield, but that was as far as the team got. Doyle Nave came in for S. C., and a lateral, Nave to Krueger to Stonebraker, took the ball to midfield as the scoreless half came to a close.

Third Period

S. C. took the kickoff. Lansdell made 16 around right end and S. C. went on to the Bruin 35, but had to punt. Cantor kicked back. A clipping penalty put S. C. back to its 15. Lansdell, behind Harry Smith's blocking, skirted end for 24 yards, added seven more to reach midfield, and passed his team on to the 44. But U. C. L. A. stopped the drive and Lansdell kicked out on the Bruin 25.

Washington made nine through Smith's guard, and went on to the 40, but U. C. L. A. punted on fourth down. From the Trojan 26, Nave dodged for 17, seven, four, nine and two in a brilliant series of runs to move into Bruin territory. The Trojan rooting squad roared for a score. Troy's Rose Bowl hero, trying but one pass, and that incomplete, sparked the team to the U. C. L. A. 34. The quarter ended. The game was still scoreless.

Fourth Period

The Trojan drive ended on the U. C. L. A. after Nave had passed for 10 to Fisk, end. Nave kicked over the goal. Robinson ran for 13, Washington 10 and Kenny passed to MacPherson, end, for 18. Washington sailed another to Robinson for 12. Excessive times out against S. C. put the ball on its 21. Washington passed to Strode for first down on the 15, and for five more to Mathews. Kenny made three and Cantor went to the three and first down. Kenny was stopped, Cantor made one but lost two on the next try at tackle. Washington's fourth down pass to Robinson was knocked down by Bob Robertson over the goal line.

Southern California kicked out after three attempts to gain. From its own 40 U. C. L. A. went to the Trojan 40 behind Washington's passing. Morrill, S. C. reserve, intercepted a Washington pass deep in his own territory, and with 14 seconds to go, S. C. tried a running play that gained nothing and the game ended in a scoreless deadlock.

SPORTS- 1939

Win Third Consecutive AAU Title

Journal and Guide 9-9-39 Norfolk, Va.

MEMBERS OF THE TRIUMPHANT women's track and field team of Tuskegee Institute, Ala. which won its third consecutive National AAU Track and Field championships Sunday at Waterbury, Conn.

They are, left to right, front: Celestine Birge, Tuskegee, Lucy Newell, Laurel, Miss.; Lula Hymes, Atlanta; Rowena Harrison, Tuskegee, Helen Hutchinson, Tuskegee.

Second row, kneeling: Margaret Barnes, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Lillie Purifoy, Snow Hill, Ala.; Lelia Perry, Atlanta; Hester B. Brown, Atlanta, Ernestine Rogers, Atlanta, Alice Coachman, Albany, Ga

Third row standing: Mrs. Christine Evans Petty, coach; Chris-Christine Long, Atchinson, Kas.; Augusta Butler, Snow Hill, Ala.; Florence N. Wright, Tuskegee; Jessie E. Abbott, Tuskegee; and Hattie Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Tuskegee Girls Win Third AAU Crown

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. —The Tuskegee Institute women's track and field team, 1937 and 1938 National A. A. U. Champions, scored a brilliant victory Sunday, September 3, in the Municipal Stadium, at Waterbury, Connecticut, by garnering 33 points. Facing the keenest competition of the best entry list in the history of the event. Tuskegee scored two first places, four second places, three third places and one fourth place to outclass their nearest team rival.

The members of the classy Tuskegee relay team, composed of Celestine Birge, Jessie Abbott, Rowena Harrison and Lula Hymes lowered their 1938 mark by running the 400 meters in the excellent time of 49.4 seconds.

Alice Coachman, whose home is in Albany, Ga., took first place in the high jump with a leap of 5 foot 2 1-2 inches. Lucy Newel, of Laurel, Miss., a new member of the national champions, pushed the great Stella Walsh in the 100 meters run and garnered another second place for the winning Tuskegee team. Lula Hymes was fourth in this event. 9-9-39

Hester Brown was second in the gruelling 200 meter run. Hattie Hall and Florence Wright were second and third respectively in the shot put.

In the broad jump, Lula Hymes relinquish her hold on the title by taking second place in this event and Lucy Newell was third. Leila Perry placed third in the hurdles.

Summary of Tuskegee Winners

Lucy Newell, second place in hundred meters run.

Lula Hymes, fourth place in hundred meters run.

Hester Brown, second place in two hundred meters run.

Leila Perry, third in the hurdles.

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Hattie Hall, second in the shot put

Relay Team, first (Celestine Birge Jessie Abbott, Rowena Harrison, and Lula Hymes, 400 meters, time 49.4 seconds.

Armstrong, Ambers Spurn Chicago Bids

Journal and Guide 9-23-39

A proposed title bout between Welterweight Champion Henry Armstrong or Lightweight Champion Lou Ambers and the survivor of the Davey Day-Sammy Angott elimination was given a setback yesterday when it was learned that neither champion will be available until next year. Day, No. 1 welterweight contender, meets Angott, No. 1 lightweight challenger, in Chicago Stadium Oct. 6.

After a contest with Al Manfredo of Fresno, Cal., in Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 9, Armstrong will not fight again until Dec. 1 when he defends his championship in a rematch against Ambers in New York Dec. 1, agents of Eddie Mead, manager of Henry, said. It is understood that Ambers will not perform before that time either.

Mead did not attend the Joe Louis-Bob Pastor fight in Detroit Wednesday because of illness.

Bill Rand, stadium matchmaker, and Irving Schoenwald, Chicago promoter, went to Detroit in an attempt to sign Armstrong to defend his title. Schoenwald wanted Henry to fight Milt Aron in International amphitheater. Aron faces Midget Mexico in Marigold Gardens on Monday.

Chairman Joe Triner of the Illinois boxing commission yesterday returned from Detroit in possession of Promoter Mike Jacobs' promise to hold a heavyweight championship encounter between Joe Louis and Tony Galento in Soldiers' field next June. . . . Pat Murphy and Steve Savage will clash in a wrestling headliner in Ringside arena, 5405 Cermak road, tonight. . . . Danville, Ill., amateur boxers will meet a Chicago team in a series of contests this evening in Northwest stadium, 4043 North Cicero avenue. . . . Another amateur show tonight will be held in Madison-Cicero outdoor arena. . . . Cole Lenzie, lightweight of 20 years ago, will offer an amateur card this evening in La Grange. Members of the Veteran Boxers' association will attend. . . . Verle Davis, Kankakee welterweight, has left for New Orleans, La., where he will appear in a supporting match to the 10 rounder between Frankie [Kid] Covelli and Jimmy Perrin Monday. . . . Promoter Fred Kohler has signed Ruffy Silverstein and Bert Rubi to head his wrestling program in Rainbo Fronton next Wednesday.

ARMSTRONG TO MEET AMBERS NOVEMBER 1

9-23-39

NEW YORK.— (ANP) — Eddie Meade, pilot of Henry Armstrong, welter title holder, emphatically stated this week that Hank will meet Lou Ambers in the third and rubber bout for the welterweight title in Madison Square Garden on Nov. 1.

Incensed at the attempt of Al Weill, manager of Ambers, to get out of the match by offering as a substitute a battle between another Weill battler, Sammy Luftspring, and Pedro Montanez, Meade said, "Ambers is signed to meet Henry on November 1, and I intend to hold him to that contract. Henry will be ready on that date, and there should be no reason why Ambers should not be.

"There will be no discussion as as to the referee. I am not worried about that now. There is too much at stake for another blunder to be pulled. I have the champ of the welters and Weill will have to do as I suggest while Armstrong is champion. Ambers is the fight we want, and the date suits us perfectly."

The suspensions of Meade and Weill will be lifted for a 30 day period to enable them to supervise the training of their battlers. It will also permit them to act as seconds in their respective corners.

OHIO STATE TO HAVE NEGRO GRIDIRON STAR

COLUMBUS, O.—(ANP)— When the Ohio State university football squad comes trotting out on its pastures this fall, there'll be a Negro in the brigade and that's saying sumpin' since it's been many years since William Bell, the present coach way down at Florida A. and M. sported the Buckeye colors. But what's more, this aforementioned sepian will come scampering out with the big varsity eleven, the first team, by the way.

You can't believe it, eh? Well, the Buckeye fans couldn't either but just this week sports writers rated smooth-going Charles Anderson, some 200 pounds of beef, brawn and brain, a sure bet for Coach Francis Schmidt's main eleven. And Coach Schmidt was loud in his praise of the colored gridder.

Anderson, who was chosen the most promising of over 150 freshcandidates last fall, hit the boards this year in the left end berth of the main team, a remarkable achievement. He's there to stay, too, the white writers claim, so the Big Ten gridderbugs better beware.

Western Reserve university first made ovations in Chuck Anderson's direction, but when the Buckeye mentor and Chuck got together, and you know the Big Ten schools can do that thing, the brown skinned pass receiver chose Ohio State.

Massilon O., is Anderson's hometown and th. high school there, a topnotcher in Ohio athletic circles still raves of the fella's performance in scholastic doings, both in football and basketball. The high school grid team, by the way, didn't lose a game when Chuck held down the terminal post.

Yep: There's a Negro in the football brigade that practices daily in the horse shoe stadium at Columbus. He's being concealed now, but you just wait 'till that whistle blows in a few weeks—Chuck Anderson the sophomore end sensation, will do a Brud Holland. Yes Sir!

McDaniels Praised By Magazine

NEW YORK — The magazine, "Time," commenting in its August 28 issue on the recent national championships of the American Tennis Association, at Hampton Institute, Va., refers to Jimmy McDaniels, the singles titlist, as the "Bobby Riggs" of colored tennis.

"What they (the spectators) saw on the tennis courts was equal to what has been seen in top-notch white folks tournaments this summer," the Times said.

The article recalled that McDaniels had played against Bobby Riggs in a schoolboys' tournament in California some years ago, losing 7-5, 13-11.

North Negro Nine Beats South 10-1 in All-Star Tilt

The North took the first annual North-South negro baseball game from the Southern team by the one-sided score of 10-1 before a crowd of 2000 at Pelican Stadium Sunday afternoon.

The North not only proved themselves superior in pitchers, but also outslugged the Southern aggregation, 13 to 6. One of the hits was a terrific home-run clout by big "Mule" Suttles, left-fielder for the Northerners, who played with the Newark Eagles last season. Over the left-center field fence the distance from the home plate to the fence at that point is over 400 feet.

"Lefty" Gaines, North moundsman who plays with the Baltimore Elite Giants, limited the South to two hits while he was on the rubber. Every Southern moundsman was hit freely except Roosevelt Davis, from the Memphis Red Sox, who held the North scoreless for three heats.

North—	AB	H	O	A		South—	AB	H	O	A
Harvey rf	5	5	2	0		Davenprt lf	4	0	2	0
Dunn 3b	6	0	1	2		Carter 2b	3	1	5	2
Wright cf	5	2	5	0		Parnell cf	4	0	1	1
Suttles lf	6	2	0	0		Parker rf	4	0	2	0
Hskins 2b	5	3	3	3		Harris 1b	4	2	9	0
West 1b	5	3	9	0		Gilluiot ss	2	0	0	0
Walker ss	3	2	4	5		Brown c	3	1	6	0
Bossette c	5	2	3	1		Sias ss	2	1	0	0
McDffie p	1	0	0	0		Ozore 3b	1	0	1	2
Gaines p	3	0	0	2		Davis p	3	0	0	0
						Collins ss	2	1	1	0
						Moody p	0	0	0	0
						Wright p	1	0	0	0
Totals	44	19	27	13		Totals	33	6	27	5

Score by innings:

North ..... 071 200 000—10
South ..... 000 000 001— 1

Summary—Runs, Harvey, Wright, Suttles 2, Hoskins 2, West, Walker 2, Bossette, Parker; errors, Collins, Hoskins, Walker, Harvey; runs batted in, Wright, West 3, Bossette, Harvey, Brown; two-base hits, Suttles, Hoskins 2, Bossette; home run, Suttles; stolen base, Walker; sacrifice, Carter; double plays, Harris (unassisted), Ozore to Carter; bases on balls, off Moody 1, Davis 1, Gaines 1, McDuffie; struck out, by Moody 1, Davis 5, McDuffie 2; hits, off Wright in 1 inning 3 with 1 run, Moody in 2 1-3 innings 11 with 9 runs, Davis in 5 2-3 innings 7 with 0 runs, Gaines in 6 innings 2 with 0 runs, McDuffie in 3 innings 4 with 1 run; hit by pitcher, by Davis (Walker); winning pitcher, Gaines; losing pitcher, Wright; umpires, Rouzou, McCarly and Augustine; time of game, 3 hours.

Iowa Has Three Negro Candidates

IOWA CITY, Iowa. — (ANP)— Two colored sophomores and one senior are members of the 1939 University of Iowa football squad which soon makes its debut under a new coach, Dr. Eddie Anderson.

Only one is listed as a regular. He is James Walker, a sophomore, who has been so impressive as a freshman and in early season practice he has first call on a tackle post. Walker is 6 feet 1 inch, weighs 202 pounds, is 21 years old, and comes from South Bend, Ind.

Lightness in weight will handicap Paul Powell, 19 sophomore from Aliquippa, Pa. Although exceedingly fast, he weighs only 130 pounds and is 5 feet 7. He is on the fourth team as halfback. The third member of the colored trio is Fred Smith, senior from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Playing his third year of varsity football at end, Smith is 6 feet 2, weighs 202, is 22 years old, and is listed as second team winngman.

Atlanta, Ga. Constitution
October 15, 1939

NEGRO ELEVEN ARRIVES TODAY

South Carolina State's gridiron hopefuls are to arrive this afternoon for their encounter with Morris Brown Saturday. Coach Dawson and Assistant Coach Paul Webber are bringing the largests team here ever to represent the Palmetto State on the gridiron. A squad of 36 men is being brought along for the gigantic annual football classic against Morris Brown. Ponce de Leon park will be the site this Saturday at 2:30 o'clock.

A long signal drill and dummy practice will end Morris Brown's work for this important Conference game. Although the coaches are greatly displeased with the showing of their men this week, they are hoping for the best tomorrow. The Atlantans may start an entirely new outfit Saturday, as their regulars looked stale in practice all week.

Ticket sale ends today at 4:30 p. m. and those buying the ducats after that time will be charged the regular general admission fee, as no special seats are reserved.

Clark, Morehoust Leave For Saturday Games

Clark University's newly put-together team leaves for Fisk University this morning to tackle the strong Bulldog eleven of Nashville, Tenn. Coaches Robinson, Suber and McPherson are taking 31 men, 28 of these being freshmen. What they will do under fire is unpredictable.

Morehouse College also plays an out-of-town game, now being en route to West Virginia State College, where they will play the Yellow Jackets Saturday. They are hoping to redeem themselves for losing to Langston last Saturday by a 6-0 score.

Memphis, Tenn., Com'rcial Appeal
September 24, 1939

LE MOYNE MAGICIANS USE TRICKS TO WIN

Memphis Negro Eleven Defeats Tuskegee, 19 To 0

Special to The Commercial Appeal

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Sept. 23.—The LeMoyne Mad Magicians defeated the Golden Tigers of Tuskegee Institute in Alumni Bowl by the score of 19-0.

The Magicians first major threat came in the second period with the ball on the five-yard line, but the Tigers held for downs and kicked out of danger. The ball was advanced back to the eight-yard line by sweeping end runs of Hall and Smith. At this point the bag of tricks was opened with Hall lateraling to Smith, who raced over the goal line. Hall's attempt to convert by placement was blocked.

The Magicians' second bid came in the fourth period when Hall flipped a pass to Pugh, which netted 10 yards, and two successive passes to Breadon, which netted 33 yards, to place the oval on the five-yard line, from where Smith cut off tackle to score the second marker. Hall's attempt to convert struck the goal post.

With less than two minutes left Frazier of the Tigers began passing. Hall intercepted a Tiger pass and raced 15 yards to place the ball in scoring position for the Magicians and the Tigers threat was ended. Smith circled right end to score the final touchdown. Boone's kick from placement was good.

LeMoyne	Positions	Tuskegee
Pugh	L.E.	Slade
Henderson	L.T.	Fuller
Lockett	L.G.	Douglas
Wiley	C.	Holland
Grant	R.G.	Stewart
Westbrook	R.T.	Sharp
Brown	R.E.	Williams
Dreadon	Q.B.	Frazier
Smith	L.H.	Pearson
Hall	R.H.	Clemenceau
Henry	F.B.	Smith

Substitutions: LeMoyne — McCombs, Boone, Crawford, Mitchum, Rayford, Moore, Shaw, Chandler, Little, Waldon, Pickett, Iles; Tuskegee—Hill, Fyles, Kirk, Rowser, Sams, Smiley, Beaumont, Ivey, James, Williamson, Moore, Seswell, Ross, Brown, Carter, E. Lewis, C. Lewis, Everett, Shaw.

Officials—Cravens, referee (Clark University), Gaston, umpire (Tennessee State), Easterley, head linesman (Wilberforce University.

Florida A. & M. Wins Orange Blossom Tilt

News-Age Herald
12-2-39
Birmingham Ala

ORLANDO, Fla.—(AP)—Florida A. and M. ran roughshod over an outclassed Wiley College (of Texas) eleven Saturday, 42 to 0, in the seventh renewal of the Orange Blossom classic, Negro intersectional football game.

Six thousand persons, Orlando's largest sports crowd, saw the spectacle.

Morris Brown Nips Virginia State, 13-7

News-Age Herald
12-10-39
Birmingham Ala

ATLANTA—(AP)—An alert hard-hitting team of Morris Brown College Wolverines capitalized on the breaks here Saturday to overcome Virginia State College 13-7 and win the inaugural Peach Blossom Negro football game.

The post-season feature, played before about 2,000 persons at Ponce de Leon Baseball Park, brought the Virginia Trojans their first defeat since 1937 and ended their bid for the Negro national collegiate championship.

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Parrish Appeals to Members Of O. I. A. A. Through Columns of Black Dispatch

Head of O. I. A. A. Fails to Deliver Address Before Group Because of Urgent Business Elsewhere

Makes Recommendations for Welfare

TO THE MEMBER SCHOOLS OF O. I. A. A.,
Greetings:

Friends of young people I salute you. We of the O. I. A. A. are under fire. Much criticism is directed at us as you know. I do not say that this criticism is wholly just nor wholly unjust. I do say we need to evaluate many of our present practices and attempt to critically examine our policies underlying these practices; some of which cannot be wholly accepted since they cannot be logically justified.

Some Common Practices

I wish to call your attention to the ruthless disregard by some of one of the cardinal principles of education, to me the most essential, health. I am opposed to the common practice indulged in by some, of allowing the very young pupils to participate in the strenuous sports of football and basketball. Such practices "burn out" these children before they are mature enough to survive the drain of nervous energy demanded as the price they must pay for such participation.

I understand we have an age rule, but it is indefinite in that it limits only the upper and not the lower age level. The rule in substance says: to compete in any interscholastic contest, a person must be under 21 years of age. He is ineligible the day he becomes twenty-one. I know we have a rule governing the number of years a person may compete: No pupil shall take part in high school athletics for more than four years. Upon close analysis of both these rules nothing can be found to protect the health and physical growth of the very young pupil against unscrupulous persons.

There should be a rule governing the lower age level as well as the upper age level. I anticipate opposition, especially from those persons who place a low value on the normal development of children's growth and well being. I know that regular attendance on the part of pupils in our schools and a desire to be rated as an efficient school on the part of some school officials and teachers are factors tending toward acceleration and pupils, many pupils with athletic ability, are finishing our schools at 16 and 17 years of age. So in order to capitalize on these children some of us are pressing them into athletic competition on the low level of 9, 10, 11 and 12 years of age.

It has been brought to my attention that one school team had as one of its members a child 9 years old forced into tournament competition where 5 games of basketball were played in one day. No wonder our actions are being ridiculed. Such practices are certainly open to public condemnation. I am asking the board of control for an interpretation on both rules previously cited. The rule on "age" and the rule on "years of participation." To evaluate a condition tells us whether to encourage it.

Practice

I am also opposed to the growing tendency to two and three games of basketball in a week. This practice is a violation of the Oklahoma high school department for academic accrediting and the North Central Association's recommendations. "No interscholastic athletic contest played at night be scheduled on a night preceding a school day."

I am asking the board of control to crack down on these irrational top heavy schedules. We must give more attention to the health of these athletes and to the normal, orderly processes of the program of studies. We wrangle of "scholarship eligibility" and then keep the students away from their books two and three nights on a stretch. On top of all this we send these leg-weary athletes into two or three-day tournament competition and force them into double elimination. Our coaches desire to be rated as top flight mentors must be subordinated to the general citizenship and character objectives of secondary education.

I do not wish to be misunderstood. I am not an enemy of the coach; I know from experience as a coach, the principal of the school forced me to do a number of things I thought then and I think now to be detrimental to the physical and mental health of the students.

On the contrary I think our coaches and our music teachers to be the schools' greatest assets. Even so we principals must hold them within reasonable limits for their own good and the good of the school. Our school was dropped from the list of accredited high schools at one time because I permitted the music teacher to devote too much time to "operetta practice."

And some of the principals will find their schools off the list for too much participation in athletic competition, especially on nights or days preceding school days. If the board of control lacks power to regulate the schedules, proper legislation should be passed now to grant them that power.

Practice of Selecting "All State" And All Conference Athletes

I am asking for a more scientific criteria for the selection of worthy athletes. The common practice is to vote sentiments based on likes or dislikes. Let us note a few types. Here is Coach Jolly Fellow. Everyone likes him so he gives a few names of boys on his squad and the fellows vote for them with little or no data relatives to merits of the players. It is enough that they admire Coach Jolly Fellow. Here is Coach Pack-em Sack-em. The fellows have no particular admiration for him, but don't wish to cross him, so to still his clamor they vote for one or two of his players named on the All Conference or All State list. There is also Coach Say Little. They vote for some of his players out of pity and so the list is completed. Of course it is not as ridiculous as this but it is just about as unscientific.

Again I am calling on the members of the board of control to formulate a rating system using statistical data as criteria. I suggest the statistician be provided with ruled blanks bearing the names and position of each player with space for substitutions. That columns be headed: 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th downs and that these be run in series. It would then be easy to determine number of yards gained or lost per down and by what player. At the end of the season it would be an easy matter to make a compilation and produce the complete record of each player for comparison to determine the outstanding players. Another common practice that should be curbed is that of unsportsmanlike conduct of the "hard loser type coach and principal.' 'I refer to the type that will run out on the field or court to dispute with the officials or points in their decisions.

The public spectators are easily prejudiced by such conduct and a nasty attitude is developed in the community. It might be profitable for coaches and principals to remember that they have the privilege of protesting the game if they feel sufficiently agrieved. Usually all is forgiven and forgotten if their teams come out of the contest on the long end of the score. This proves that the policies underlying these practices are vicious growing out of an insane desire to win at any cost. All will agree that such practice should be frowned upon because it is detrimental to the development of honorable men and women.

Recommendations

I hereby recommend that the:

1. Board of Control to give a complete interpretation of the rules, and practices of the O. I. A. A. member schools. Send a copy of their findings to the secretary-treasurer to be mimeographed and copies sent to all member schools.

2. Board of Control to set the lower limits of "age rule" and interpret the same.

3. Board of Control to formulate a system of selecting all conference and All State athletes from criteria based on statistical data.

4. O. I. A. A. sponsor a summer camp for athletes and coaches. Board of Control work out the details for the following plan: Each member school to underwrite the camp cost for a two weeks vacation for 11 athletes and one coach or 12 persons per school. That the minimum cost be placed at $60 or $5 per person per school. That each athlete be assessed an additional $2 for incidentals. (If 100 per cent of the O. I. A. A. sponsor this plan we would have a budget of $4,100). I recommend that the Board of Control work out a plan to employ two of the Association's leading coaches and one state physician to serve as camp health officer, and that an outstanding physical education instructor be employed to instruct coaches in the art of boxing, that the state may have available boxing instructors; at which time I recommend the O. I. A. A. sponsor boxing.

I further recommend that the month of August be selected a camp month and that only two weeks be allowed as a vacation per school, so that overcrowded conditions be avoided.

5. I recommend that the coaches develop an association program in connection with the O. A. N. T. and that it be so designated on the printed program of the association's annual programs, the same as other departmental programs.

Sidat-Singh Out Of Navy Game Because Of Jim-Crow

ANNAPOLIS Md., Feb. 24—The jim-crow tradition of the United States Naval Academy kept Willmette Sidat-Singh, star Syracuse player and leading scorer out of the Syracuse vs. Navy basketball game here Saturday night. Syracuse won 42 to 35.

Singh told reporters in Washington, where he went instead of playing in the game, that his leg, injured in the Georgetown university game, was the cause.

Singh was benched in 1937 in Baltimore when Syracuse played the University of Maryland football team.

Bill Bell, now director of athletics at Florida A. and M., was kept out of the Ohio State vs. Navy grid game several years ago, and Manuel Rivero, now coach at Lincoln university, had the same experience when Columbia university played the Navy here.

Negro Sets New High Jump Record

DETROIT (UNB) — At the Wayne-Ohio Wesleyan track meet last week, Perry S. Simons leaped 6 feet, 7 inches to set a new Michigan collegiate record.

Simons topped the record set by the famed University of Michigan Willis Ward, an all-around athlete who jumped 6 feet, 6 inches to win the Metropolitan League championship in 1931.

The new Michigan high jump champion is hailed as a lad who is expected to go places and do things as he goes about smashing and making new high jump records here and there.

Perry Simons cleared with ease the high jump bar at 6 feet, 6¼ inches in setting a new record last week. In attempting to better this mark, Simons tried three times, in vain, to clear the bar at 6 feet, 8 inches.

Roscoe Washington, former track star at Hamtramck high school and member of the Western State Teachers College is the present holder of the collegiate high jump record at 6 feet, 3¼ inches.

Willie Henderson, former Southwestern high school hurdle star, took both of this week's hurdle races and also placed third in the high jump as well as being a member of the winning relay team.

John Borican Wins Rhode Island K.C. 1,000-Yard Run

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 24—The annual Rhode Island K. C. indoor track meet 1000-yard race was captured here Tuesday, Feb. 14 by Long John Borican of the Shore A. C., New Jersey.

Winning in 2:15.6, away from his new Boston record of 2:12.6, Borican jogged across the finish line with seven yards to spare over lantern jawed Curtis Giddings of New York university, and Jim Stanton, white, of Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., who finished in that order. It was Borican's third straight "1000."

World's high jump champion, Mel Walker, continued his undefeated season's record by winning his specialty at 6 feet, 7 inches. Second place tie was shared by Les Steers, white, of San Mateo Junior college of California, and the Olympic veteran, Dave Albritton. Their distance was 6 feet, 6 inches.

Ken Clapp, paleface Brown university sprint king, equaled the 440-yard dash record time of 4.8 seconds. He was trailed in by the streamlined Dunbar Young of Rhode Island State college.

Jimmy Herbert, New York university, off form and not yet a winner of his favorite event, finished second in the college 600-yard run. Herbert is expected to slowly round into form during the later season. He has been working in the post office. The New York university star has lost every major 1939 star

JOE JACOBS IN MONEY, TONY'S IN FRYING PAN

Colorful Galento Manager In Chortling Mood As He Lands Title Fight

BY GAYLE TALBOT

MIAMI BEACH— (AP) —Now that all the principals in the next heavyweight championship fight are back in their street clothes, I think it a good time to point out Joe Jacobs has done the greatest job of managing in the glorious history of prize fighting in getting his character, round Tony Galento, a shot at Joe Louis.

Whatever Tony does with the chance when the night of reckoning comes around next June and he actually finds himself in the ring with Louis, is strictly up to Tony. You might even say it's Tony's funeral. But Jacobs has done his part. He's landed a title fight for a man who, a year ago, was regarded only as a beer-imbibing freak.

It's been known for some years that "Yussel" Jacobs (who, incidentally, is no relation to promoter Mike Jacobs) knew his way around, even in the daylight, to which he is unaccustomed and violently opposed.

Up to now, Joe's brighest achievement had come the night when he jumped into the ring and yelled Max Schmeling into the heavyweight championship. Max at the time was on the floor from a number of blows planted by Jack Sharkey and was about to be counted out. Joe yelled "foul" so loud the arbiter finally believed him.

Then, there was the night out on Long Island when Schmeling lost the crown to Sharkey on a hairline decision and Joe's rich voice was heard shrieking through the land, via radio, that "we wuz robbed."

Oh, Joe's had his moments before. But I'll always believe he was the happiest out on the beach yesterday, when a soft breeze coming in from the sea and Mike Jacobs announcing that Galento would fight Louis.

You see, there was even more to Joe's glee than appeared on the surface. The papers the same day carrid a brief announcement that Schmeling was returning to Germany after a fruitless trip over here in quest of a return bout with Louis. From other sources the word reached here that Max was a very angry and embittered ex-champion.

That's just dandy with "Yussel," because Schmeling happens to be the man who done Joe dirty after Joe had shouted him into a championship he might otherwise never have won. Schmeling, as his fortunes mounted, cut Jacobs' percentage down to a mere whisper.

Joe is quite willing to do a little chortling at the way he has maneuvered Galento into the big spot while Schmeling cooled his heels in New York. Unfortunately, it is not possible to give you Joe's uncensored remarks.

So, here is Jacobs, "in the cabbages again," as he puts it. He's already made and spent a nice fortune, practically every dollar of it on long cigars and night clubs.

TONY'S JERSEY FRIENDS WOULD ERECT STADIUM

Philadelphia, Chicago Put In Bids For Tiff In Early Summer

Bout Certain To Attract Million Dollar Gate, Says Mike Jacobs

BY GAYLE TALBOT

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., March 1—(AP)—Three cities—Chicago, Philadelphia and Jersey City—already have entered strenuous bids for the Joe Louis-Tony Galento heavyweight championship fight in June, the formal announcement of which was made by Promoter Mike Jacobs in a memorable session on the beach here Wednesday.

"It'll draw a million dollars any place I hold it," declared Mike, resplendent in red bathing trunks. "And I'm not fooling about staging it outside New York if I get the right sort of an offer."

Sitting right by Mike's warm side at the time was Tom Foley, representing the same Chicago group that bagged the Louis-Jim Braddock tilt. He had been banging away at Mike's ear ever since it became known Monday that Galento, rated the No. 1 challenger by the National Boxing Association, would get the big outdoor shot against the champion.

"We're prepared to guarantee Mike a net of at least $400,000," said Foley. "I'm pretty sure he will take us up on it. We'll hold it in Comiskey Park, where we can seat close to 80,000."

Also present and bidding was Herman Taylor, the Philadelphia promoter, who held a five-year lien on Galento's services and with whom Jacobs had to reach a long-winded compromise before he could pit Tony against Louis. Under the arrangement finally signed late Tuesday night, Taylor gets what he called a "nice percentage" of the June battle, as well as any other fights Galento might have under Jacobs' promotion in the next five years.

Bushel Of Wires

"I'm getting a bushel of wires and phone calls telling me not to try to return to Philadelphia unless I get this fight for them," Taylor moaned.

Jacobs, himself, displayed a sheaf of telegrams from big shots in New Jersey, Galento's native land, demanding the fight and promising to build a stadium of 60,000 seating capacity in Jersey City to hold it.

Mike seems to be levelling about taking the scrap out of New York. For one thing, he explained, if the fight is held elsewhere, Mike Jacobs is the sole promoter and pockets all the profit. But in New York it would be under the promotion of the Twentieth Century Club, and Mike would have to divvy up with the rest of the gang.

The actual date, of course, will not be announced until the site is settled. But it will be at the very end of June or possibly early in July, because Max Baer and Lou Nova are fighting outdoors for Jacobs on June 10.

Galento, wearing three bathing suits for the occasion, cut up like a water sprite at Wednesday's reception. He even went into the water after having written fairly legibly on the sand: "Tony Galento, heavyweight champ," and predicted that he would knock Louis winding.

He arrived without a bathing suit and demanded that Promoter Jacobs buy him one. Mike finally consented, so Tony went into the nearest shop and selected himself three fine outfits, including sandals, "all on Mike Jacobs." Furthermore, he put them all on. I suspect Galento isn't as dumb as he acts sometimes.

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Negro Athletes

Journal and Guide

Jimmy Powers Discovers Beam In Eyes of Race Athletes, But Does He Ever Hear of Ofay Savagery?

4-22-39 Norfolk, Va,

"Savage?" Bah!

By A. E. WHITE

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP)—That talk of Negroes being savage in certain sports endeavors promulgated by Brother Powers of the Daily News is about as funny as a man on a crutch.

Now, let's see about this thing: Powers alleges that a white baseball player told him that this was one of the mitigating reasons against Negroes' going into big leagues—based on an alleged interview with Joe Louis after the Galento fight.

You remember this thing—where Joe is alleged to have said he would carry Galento for ten rounds and punish him. But back to the original theme: Savagery.

Back in 1927, your correspondent took a football team to Boston to meet the famous Pere Marquettes. Our team was the Ali Southern Collegiates, with Dave Myers as the "name" star. On the Marquettes and in their backfield were "Bozo" Weston, former All-American quarterback at Boston college; Piculewicz, a 240-pound fullback who had done some nice work the previous year for Fordham; George Haggerty and Tony Plansky, former members of the New York Giants football team.

MYERS A TARGET

On the kickoff, the ball was kicked directly to Myers and down the field rushed the big four, with the captain crying "Get Myers." The four converged on Myers and hit him with a tremendous thud. But Dave was prepared for all such emergencies and they did him no harm. But that wasn't premeditated savagery — not at all, just a lot of good clean collegiate footballers.

In Stratford last year, Ralph Garner, captain and end of the New York Black Hawks, as nifty a foot-baller as ever caught a pass, was faced with a huge white tackle. As they lined up over the ball after the kickoff, this tackle out of pure cussedness slugged Ralph square in the nose as he came up off the line, yelling "Come on, n——r, what the hell's wrong with you?" He found out to his regret that nothing was wrong with Ralph, and when the final whistle sounded, he was a badly beaten tackle, but he started all of the fireworks and then couldn't take it.

In Fairfield, home of Musica-Costeror whatever his name was, white officials permitted a Fairfield back to wear an iron mask, uncovered—with a net result to the Black Hawks. Tom Sanders, a broken hand, Frank Mason a smashed lip and broken front tooth, Bill Williams a nasty cut over the right cheek and so on. Savage—not in the least. Fear, maybe?

DON'T TELL ME!

In Bristol, Conn., a white official permitted everything for the home team and said when his attention was called to it, "I'm not letting an n——r tell me how to run a football game."

He had just refereed a Yale game the day before in which Larry Kelly had booted a football along the field and won the game after a much-discussed play. But the Bristol team resorted to every known trick in football and some in boxing and wrestling to win the game that day.

No, they aren't savage—and it surely wasn't the heat of the game which caused a near-riot.

Bill Williams had dropped back to punt and was rushed by the whole Bristol team—a scrap ensued which brought the whole grand stand to the field. Police had to be called to stop the fracas. The colored lads weren't a bit frightened — although there were only a few Negroes in the stands to see the game.

In basketball, have you ever seen Dolly King after he came out of a game? Only his remarkable physique helps him take the terrific beatings he is subjected to—and that's basketball. George Gregory had the same experience at Columbia.

In pro basketball, the Celtics did their little bit of savage play until they ran into Eyre Saitch and Johnny Holt of the Rens. Johnny in one game played them so hard, a member of the Celtics spit in John's face. Oh me, oh my, he'll never do that again for a long time! Holt—they called him "Casey" — came back swinging, and it took the whole team and the officials to pull him off that Celtic. And on the road, both he and Saitch commanded the respect of the host of white teams they met and defeated.

This wasn't savagery at all. It was pure cussedness. But many other instances are on record where white players butted, slugged and did everything to stave off defeat.

POWERS CAMPAIGN

And then in baseball: Mr. Powers would by no means call the great Ty Cobb a savage, would he? But how many times was Cobb fined, suspended, and otherwise punished for his violent temper? And how about the times he climbed over into the grandstand after spectators? That wasn't savagery—that was just pure agitation.

And in the present-day setup, how about Ben Chapman — who seems to be addicted to several habits, not in the book of the well-mannered player? And of the time that Shanty Hogan went berserk on a train and chased the porter off the car? Maybe that was just playfulness — or something. But Mr. Powers' statement that savagery keeps Negroes out of competition in big time sports doesn't hold water, and at the same time makes his stand look very silly.

But whatever did happen to that one-man campaign to get Negroes into the big leagues, Jimmy? Surely the leagues could use them to save St. Louise and to offset the the terrific inroads being made by other sports which makes baseball resort to night baseball and circusses to attract attention. How about that one-man campaign?

Make Early Plans For Two Big Tiger Games

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—Railroad officials were in conference here with Captain Alvin J. Neely, chairman of the committee on the Regulation of Athletics, with reference to train movement to Chicago for the Tuskegee-Wilberforce football game, which will be played at Soldier Field, Friday night, October 13, and for the Tuskegee - Southern University game which has been set for November 18 at Scotlandville, La.

White Georgian Blasts McLemore for Attack on Champion Louis

By HARRY LEVETTE

LOS ANGELES — (ANP) — In no section of the country has there arisen a more bitter tide of resentment against the suddenly unmustered detractors of Champion Joe Louis who since his defeat of Galento have been attempting to detract from his latest triumph. The most cowardly of these—that of Henry McLemore, which drew barbed answers from all races in the East and South—has been the main target of sports writers and correspondents on the coast.

One of the most convincing of these was an open letter published in the Los Angeles Evening News, last Saturday, by L. K. Stanberry, which follows in full:

"Sportswriter McLemore is from Georgia. So am I. And as the record of my slave owning ancestors there from 1790 may probably match that of the McLemores, I want to tell him something.

Is He Joe's Friend?

"In his column published in your paper July 1, McLemore claims to have been Joe Louis's friend. Evidently he has forgotten his articles at the time Joe won the championship. At that time I cut out Bill Corum's tribute and pasted it beside that of McLemore's comment.

"His antagonism to Joe was as pronounced as that of vice-President Garner to Marian Anderson. And for the same reason. Persons who know Southerners understand.

"In this last outburst he has lost control of his vindictiveness. According to the news story Joe said he had intended to carry the fight ten rounds and then the kayo. This enrages McLemore, who hysterically compares Joe's fists with the matador of a bullfight.

"It has always been my understanding that the bull was driven much against his will into the bull ring. He did not beg and plead to be killed nor was there ever a chance of a fair defense or of escape.

Tony Asked for It

"If Galento had been so cruelly tortured, like a bull facing death, that he could not stand it, as McLemore hints, he could have quit, couldn't he? Nobody would have forced him to stay in the ring ten rounds. And what would the referee have been doing while Joe was matadoring? In the fight, when Joe got ready, it took less than a minute to do what he went in the ring to do.

"Galento asked for what he got, whether ten rounds or four.

"When Joe won the championship newspapermen went to Alabama and traced Joe's background. His people have lived in that territory for more than a hundred years—the ones left behind when the Indians were removed to the Indian territory.

"Joe is a mixture of white, Indian and Negro, with the Indian predominant. The Indian does not forget, does not forgive.

"It is fortunate McLemore will never meet Joe in the ring. He can use his typewriter to hit below the belt and be safe."

Times Wide World

MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN TRACK TEAM ABOARD THE MANHATTAN YESTERDAY

Front row: Blaine Rideout, Roy Cochran, Clyde Jeffrey and Ralph Schwartzkopf. Rear row: Manager Guy Stollenwerck, Bill Watson, Les Steers, George Varoff, Joe Batiste, Erwin Miller, Charlie Beetham and Coach Ed Weir.

103,300 SEE U. C. L. A. HOLD SO. CALIFORNIA TO 0-0 TIE ON COAST

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TROJAN FUMBLE IS COSTLY

Drive Carries to 5-Yard Line Before Bruins Recover Over Goal in Opening Half

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9—Performing under cloudy skies before a sell-out football gathering of 103,300 spectators in Memorial Coliseum, Southern California clashed with the University of California at Los Angeles today with the Rose Bowl assignment and the Pacific Coast Conference championship at stake. Paid admissions totaled nearly 100,000.

The game ended in a scoreless tie.

With both teams undefeated in previous games, they received a tremendous ovation as they took the field. The once-tied Trojans were favored to defeat the thrice-tied Bruins.

Every indication pointed to the probability that the winner of the Conference title in this game between two bitter neighbors would invite Tennessee to be its rival at Pasadena on New Year's Day. Southern California needed only a tie with the Uclans to gain the crown.

Trojans Make Kick-off

The turf was dry and fast as the Trojans kicked off to start the game. U. C. L. A. lost five yards in three plays and punted to the Southern California 42. Grenville Lansdell made twenty-seven yards in four line smashes to go into U. C. L. A. territory.

U. C. L. A. held on its 20, pushed the Trojans back and took the ball on downs on its 22. Kenny Washington fumbled on his 28 and Southern California recovered.

Peoples and Lansdell carried the Trojans to two first downs, but Lansdell, from the 11, went to the 5 and fumbled, the ball going over the line. Strode recovered for a touchback.

The Bruins kicked. Lansdell passed and Washington intercepted. U. C. L. A. got nowhere and kicked. It was Southern California's ball on its 35 when the scoreless period ended.

After a punt exchange, Robinson, Bruin back, on a lateral, galloped 22 yards to the Trojan 44, but Southern California held for three downs. The Uclans punted.

Amby Schindler, Trojan reserve back, failed to gain and kicked. U.C. L. A. took over on its 36. Washington made 6 through the middle, but the Uslans again were forced to pont. The ball went out on the Trov 34

Backed into its own territory, Southern California punted. U. C. L. A. took it on its 21. Washington passed for 19 yards to Ned Mathews to put the Bruins at midfield, but that was as far as they got. Doyle Nave came in for Southern California, and a lateral, Nave to Krueger to Stonebraker, took the ball to midfield as the scoreless half came to a close.

Lansdell Gains 16 Yards

The Trojans took the third-quarter kick-off. Lansdell made 15 yards around right end and Southern California went on to the Bruin 35, but had to punt. Cantor kicked back.

A clipping penalty sent Troy back to its 15. Lansdell, behind Harry Smith's blocking, skirted end for 24 yards, added seven more to reach midfield, and passed his team on to the 44. But U. C. L. A. stopped the drive and Lansdell kicked out on the Bruin 25.

Washington made 9 through Smith's guard position and went on to the 40, but U. C. L. A. punted on fourth down. From the Trojan 26 Nave dodged for 17, 7, 4, 9 and 2 yards in a brilliant series of runs to move into Bruin territory.

The Trojan rooting squad roared for a score. Troy's Rose Bowl hero of last season, trying only one pass and that incomplete, sparked the team to the U. C. L. A. 34. Then the quarter ended, with the game still scoreless.

The Trojan drive ended on the U. C. L. A. 25 after Nave had passed for 10 yards to Fisk, end. Nave kicked over the goal. Robinson ran for 13, Washington 10 and Kenny passed to MacPherson, end, for 18. Washington sailed another to Robinson for 12.

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The line-up:

SO. CALIF.		U. C. L. A.
Fish	L. E.	Strode
Stoecker	L. T.	Lyman
Smith	L. G.	Sommers
Dempsey	C.	Matheson
Sohn	R. G.	Frawley
Gaspar	R. T.	Zarubica
Winslow	R. E.	MacPherson
Lansdell	Q. B.	Mathews
Hoffman	L. H.	Washington
Robertson	R. H.	Robinson
Peoples	F. B.	Overlin

Referee—Bob Morris, Seattle. Umpire—Verne Landreth, Friends. Linesman—L. G. Conlon, St. Mary's. Field judge—Ralph Coleman, Oregon State.

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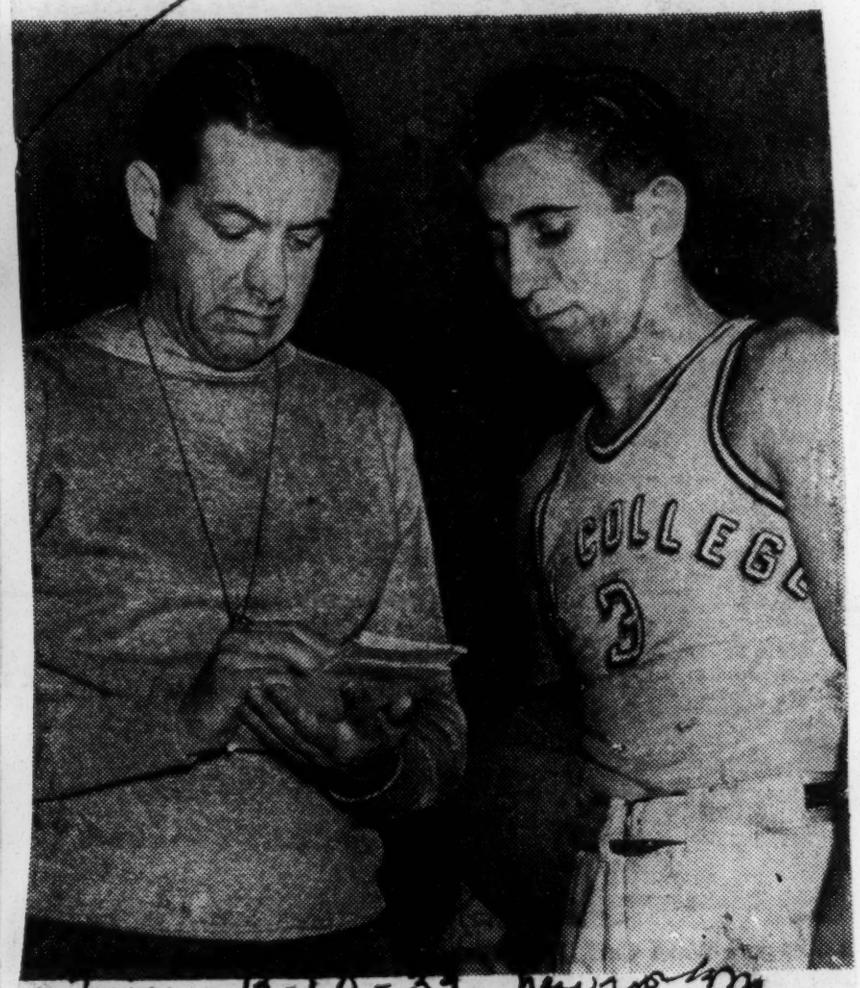

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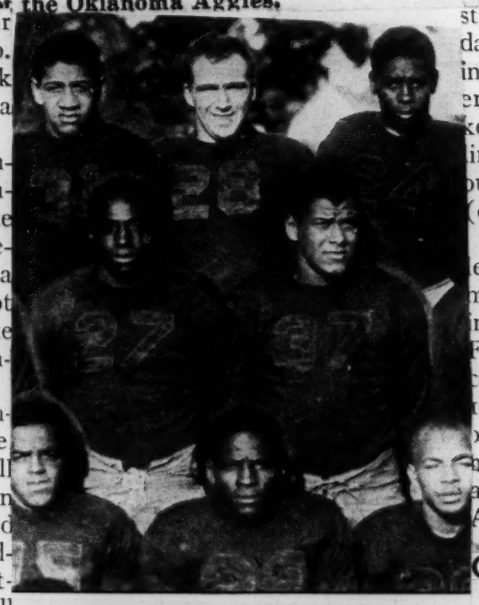

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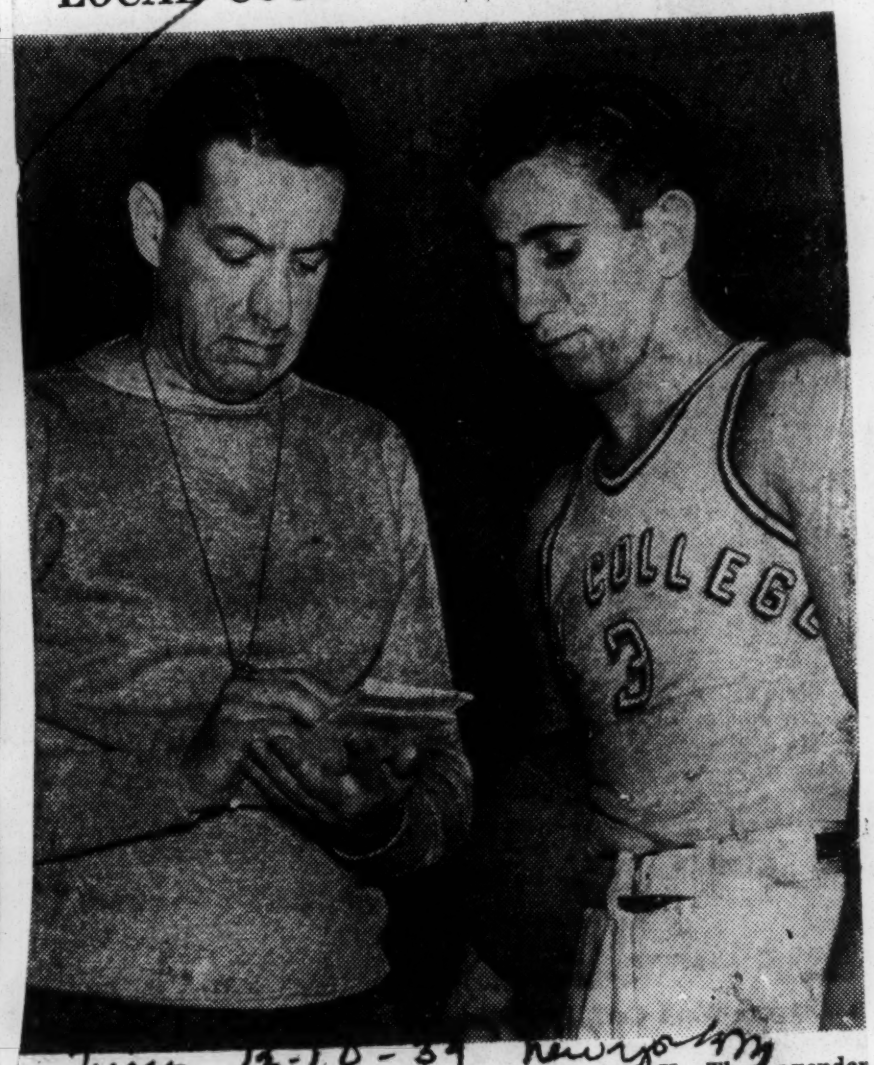

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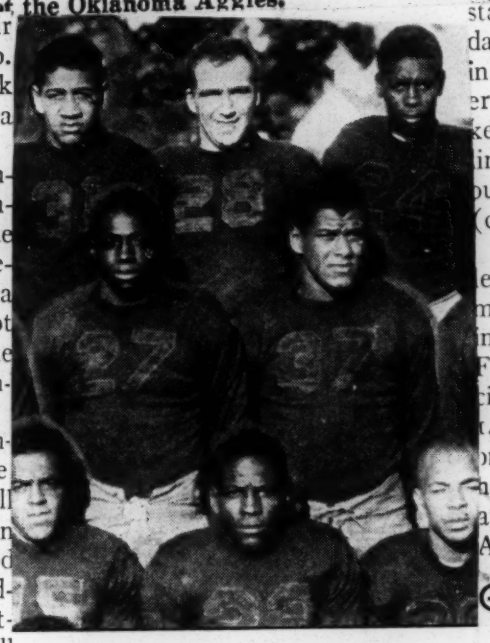

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May Discuss It Today; Minor Leagues Leave Free Hand on Farms

(Special to the Daily Worker)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Petitions bearing the signatures of more than 50,000 New York baseball fans asking for the end of discrimination against Negro players were presented to President Ford Frick of the National League and John Harridge of the American League here today by Robert Gunkel, Secretary of the Hamilton County Communist Party.

With the arrival of Judge Landis tomorrow and the ending of the minor league discussions, the question is expected to be one of the points taken up at the major league sessions, the chief topic of which seems to be "How to beat those Yankees."

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 5 (UP).—Commissioner K. M. Landis' campaign against chain store baseball received a severe setback today when the National Association of Minor Leagues passed legislation designed to give the Yankees, Cardinals and other big farm system operators a freer hand in their manipulation of ball players.

The amendments to the major-minor agreement were introduced by the Brooklyn and Cincinnati clubs, who also have important minor league working agreements and holdings, and were passed unanimously by the minor league club owners.

These amendments provide that each club in a chain system must be considered as a separate unit. Thus in the Yankee chain, Newark Kansas City and their other 11 minor league clubs must be regarded as separate clubs rather than as one unit.

Commissioner Landis has been considering the Yanks and their farm clubs, the Cards and their chain stores and other major league clubs with big minor league holdings as one organization.

BRANHAM STARTS FUSS

CINCINNATI, Dec. 5 (UP).—"The case of the 14 forged contracts" stirred a hornets' nest in minor league circles today at the 18th annual convention of the National Association, the league's governing body.

Veteran minor leaguers were inclined to believe that Judge W. G. Branham, association president had overplayed his hand in declaring before a round table discussion of league presidents and business managers yesterday that a case of forged contracts he has under investigation "is just as serious against the club officials as the Black Sox scandal of 1919 against the players."

Most experienced minor leaguers were inclined to believe Branham was trying to penalize some inexperienced baseball men severely for an infraction of the rules which bigger and wealthier clubs and chain store system teams easily evaded because of their knowledge of baseball rules and their loopholes.

"What about the bigger fellows who are getting away with it without forged contracts?" Branham was asked.

"I only know what I've got in writing," Branham replied.

In major league circles the arrival last night of Manager Joe Cronin of the Red Sox was expected to stir up some trade rumors in the American League. Reports had it that the Tigers have rejected an offer of outfielder Joe Vosmik for catcher Rudy York. Washington reportedly has offered shortstop Travis and outfielder Wright for York.

With Seven offers on hand for outfielder Max West, President Bob Quinn of the Boston Bees revealed that Brooklyn's bait of $50,000 and two players was the best he had received. The Reds were reported to have kicked in with an offer of $50,000, Frenchy Bordagaray, Les Scarsella and two other players. Quinn, however, says he will not part with West until the quality of the players offered him improves considerably.

Bucky Walters, who won 27 games for the Reds, was due here today to discuss salary terms for 1940. The Reds yesterday signed Paul Derringer, making three players in the fold.

WHITE YOUTH IS FOOTBALL PLAYER AT NEGRO SCHOOL

Dean of Virginia Union Has Good Word For Lincoln's Star, No. 52

(By Dean Gordon B. Hancock for ANP)

RICHMOND, Va.—If and when the man bites the dog, it is news. Even then which is newsiest sort. This is what happened last Saturday on Virginia Union's gridiron.

Seeing was believing last Saturday at least. I had heard of this white boy on Lincoln's team but like Thomas of old I wanted to put my hand on the situation. Far more thrilling than the game itself which was immensely thrilling, was the sight of a young white man tangling up on the gridiron with young Negroes. My mind went back to the days of the Abolitionists who hailed from Boston and spread their philosophy throughout the nation. Here in this young white man was abolitionism reincarnated in the year of our Lord 1939. Nothing happened except Lincoln incidentally won the game by one point. A good time was had by all and the young white man whose number was 52 had demonstrated Jesus Christ on the gridiron.

I want Number 52 to preach Christ unto me for the Christ he preaches has meaning. Fifty-two can talk culture to me for he epitomizes culture. Fifty-two can impress me with his doctrines for he has impressed me with his behavior. Gradually the light is breaking and it is breaking fastest among the younger generations. The late Dr. C. T. Walker greatest preacher of his generation used to say there was always the question of the olders to the younger generation, "What is going to happen when all the old folks die and get out of the way?" Dr. Walker always replied that the world is going to move on for they had no business getting in the way."

Deaths Will Help

Race relations are going to receive a mighty impulse forward with the death of many now living. I am pinning my hopes on the wakening humanitarianism of the younger generations of white men and women in this country. Young Negroes must be able to meet them half-way. Number 52 has set standards which are Christian in their implication. I have wondered about 52's parents. They must be great in their spirits for often, like parents like children. They too are abolitionists in their hearts. The fellow who is "up there" making a speech on race relations can never compare with the fellow "in there" playing his heart out with and for the fellows.

While I pondered as 52 drove through center, the thought occurred to me that there were some young men in Richmond born below the Mason and Dixon Line, who also would play on Negro teams and with Negroes if let alone. They must be restrained from their laudable impulses. The 52 feelings are not confined to any one section of the nation but is widespread. There is considerable more 52 feeling than 52 playing. The feelings are most important for they are bound to register themselves one way or another. For lo, these many years, we have been reading of Negroes playing on white teams of the North, but not until the coming of 52 have we read of a white athlete playing on a Negro team.

Those Negroes who try so hard underestimate the importance of interracialism ought to think on 52. Fifty-two is an interracialist of the practical kind and there will be others tomorrow. It should nerve the arm and strengthen the heart of the younger generation of Negroes to know that abolitionism is not dead. It is true there is no white man to attack Harper's Ferry but there is no need of this today. We need 52s just as certainly as we need John Browns and the rest of the Abolitionists. Those whites who stirred this nation with anti-slavery propaganda and those who built Negro colleges and those who support them and the 52s are all of the same mould. They all had the 52 sentiment in their souls.

Negroes must learn not to put all their energies on the anti-Negro white man and his programs. While cursing the Negrophobes we must not overlook the Negrophiles. It is more popular to curse the former than to bless the latter but the popular course is not always safest and most profitable. Interracialism is not dead nor is it obsolescent. So while we praise 52 for what he is doing we must not forget the fellow who is just waiting for a chance to "52."

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Win National AAU Title For Third Time

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WATERBURY, Conn—(SNS)—Scoring 33 points, the Tuskegee Institute girls' squad won the National Women's Amateur Athletic Union title for the third consecutive time Saturday, September 2. One new world record was established when Mildred Walsh, white, broke the old national women's broad jump mark by a foot when she leapt 19 feet, 7 3-4 inches. Tuskegee's crack squad is shown above.

STANDING, left to right—Mrs. Christine Evans Petty, coach; Christine Long, Augusta Butler, Florence Wright, Jessie Abbott, Hattie Hall.

KNEELING, left to right—Margaret Barnes, Lillie Purifoy, Leila Perry, Hester Brown, Ernestine Rogers, Alice Coachman.

SITTING, left to right—Celestine Birge, Lucy Newell, Lula Mae Hymes, Rowena Harrison, Helen Hutchinson.

Affable Negro John Henry Lewis, ex-lightweight U. S. boxing champion, who once hoped to earn enough money fighting to become a preacher without having to depend on a preacher's salary, took a job as liquor salesman.

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Sidat-Singh, Holland Star in Boston Game

By LYDIA T. BROWN

BOSTON, Mass. — The high powered Washington Redskins of the National Professional Football League, eked out a 30 to 27 triumph over the small but gallant band of Eastern College All-Stars here, before a crowd of 27,000 persons last Monday at Fenway Park.

Pittsburgh Courier

The collegians, outmanned 29 players to 20, carried the battle to the professionals during the entire game. They spread their four touchdowns two of which were made by Bob McLeod last year's Dartmouth star, over all but the third period.

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Sidat Singh Throws

Relying on their famed aerial throws, the Eastern All Stars, drew first blood early in the game by McLeod's ending a 35-yard drive with a successful sweep and a cutback from the Redskins' end had not McLeod early in the game missed a touchdown forward pass from Wilmeth Sidat-Singh the ending might have been a tie, or a victory.

Said McLeod after the game: "I knew that all I had to do to get Sidat-Singh's pass was to jump up a little and I'd have the ball. But I forgot about the bump in the diamond and there I was running uphill, and I just couldn't leave my feet." The game was played on a baseball diamond at the ball park.

The huge crowd, the largest that has watched a professional team in action in New England, became almost delirious as the All-Stars whipped off two touchdowns during the final minutes, the rewards for a 22-yard pass, that McLeod tossed to Manhattan's Bill Dorsey, and a 45-yard heave the great Dartmouth player received from Wilmeth Sidat-Singh of Syracuse.

Bob Gibson, another Dartmouth star, converted three of his four placement tries for the All-Stars' extra points.

Holland Given Ovation

Incidentally the crowd's loudest greeting of the night came when Brud Holland of Cornell was introduced, before the game.

The Redskins are the only National League team to have touchdowns scored against them by All-Star opponents, this season, and the Fenway Park game brought the most scoring in any game of this All-Star pro history.

Holland, former Cornell end, played a left end position, while Sidat-Singh, former Syracusian, played half back.

Ambers Fight on for Nov. 1, Says Ed Mead

Afro-American

NEW YORK — (ANP) — Eddie Meade, pilot of Henry Armstrong, welter title holder, emphatically stated this week that Hank will meet Lou Ambers in the third and rubber bout for the welterweight title in Madison Square Garden on November 1.

Incensed at the attempt of Al Weill, manager of Ambers, to get out of the match by offering as a substitute a battle between another Weill battler, Sammy Luftspring, and Pedro Montanez, Meade said Ambers is signed to meet Henry on November 1, and I intend to hold him to that contract. Henry will be ready on that date, and there should be no reason why Ambers should not be.

Ban to Be Lifted

"There will be no discussion as to referee. I am not worried about that now. There is too much at stake for another blunder to be pulled. I have the champ of the welters and Weill will have to do as I suggest while Armstrong is champion. Ambers is the fight we we want, and the date suits us perfectly."

The suspensions of Meade and Weill will be lifted for a thirty-day period to enable them to supervise the training of their battlers. It will also permit them to act as seconds in their respective corners.

Roy Sparrow 'Man Behind Scenes' In Moulding Of East-West Tilts

Press Agent's Idea Clicked, Chicago Being — Selected as Site for Classic; Last Contest Broke All Records, Drawing 40,000 Fans

MEET THE MAN BEHIND THE GUN IN "EAST-WEST SERIES

ROY SPARROW, capable public relations officials of Negro baseball, is a product of Pittsburgh's famed Wylie avenue.

The mere mention of this smokytown thoroughfare calls to mind men who have given their lives to baseball and boxing, viz;—GUS GREENLEE, "Cum Posey,—"Woogie" Harris,—Jackie Wilson,—Teddy Ho[illegible]

Were it not for Sparrow, thousands who since 1938 have watched the cream of our [illegible] players disport in big league playing fields—would never have enjoyed this privilege. We shift back again to Wylie avenue, one mid-summer afternoon in '33. Roy is chatting chiefly about baseball with the then National League president—Tom Wilson, Rufus Jackson and Gus Greenlee.

The conversation centered around "why shouldn't Negro players at least be permitted to show their wares to colored and white fans alike in parks like Comiskey field, Chicago, or Forbes field, Pitsburgh?" At the time Sparrow was writing for a leading white newspaper —PITTSBURGH SUN-TELEGRAPH, a William Hearst publication, and in a key position to broach the idea of the subject under such discussion.

Politicians and sportsmen from Chicago and Pittsburgh had vainly tried to put the idea across with Charlie (Old Roman) Comiskey but every approach fell upon deafened ears. The whole thing began to look utterly hopeless.

Eddie Geiger, then sports editor of the College American, a friend of Sparrow's, promised to help wholeheartedly with the result—ARCH WARD, sports authority of the—CHICAGO TRIBUNE and now known as "Father of the East-West Series" clambered onto the Roy Sparrow bandwagon.

Tireless as a dynamo Ray next contacted NORMAN ROSS a giant of a man who has distinguished himself for this country in the Olympic Games some years earlier. It was Ross who placed the East-West directly in the lap of Chicago World's fair officials who went for it..hook, line and sinker.

At this point beautiful IRENE RICH, of movieland fame, throws her lot with Ross and endeavors to interest certain big name stars and executives anent staging the game in Chicago. In nine days, ROSS PERSONALLY CONDUCTED 51 BROADCASTS, and the efforts of fourth estate members, resulted in 91 PRESS ITEMS ALL DEALING WITH ROY SPARROW'S BRAIN-CHILD.

At last came success. The first game opened with the rain-god frowning to such an extent that water fell continuously from nine in the morning throughout game time. There were 13,000 fans of both races in the stands who witnessed a game on a parity with the best in the so-called big leagues.

In 1934 (Comiskey park). Chicago—weather was ideal—attendance 20,000. (1935, same field)—s w e l l crowd—BUT SPARROW WAS NO LONGER WITH THE SETUP. He had pulled out to come to New York and with Alex Pompez and Gus Greenlee, SET UP THE NATIONAL NEGRO LEAGUE HERE.

As we glance over Roy's eastern record—what do we find? We handled five games this present season all staged at YANKEE STADIUM. Sixty-thousand paid admissions passed the turnstiles for these tilts and due to his astute business ability, CLUB OWNERS PROMOTED SAME AT SMALLEST OPERATING COST IN LEAGUE HISTORY. This also has worked out well from a player standpoint as they received higher dividends for their slaving in these five games than in any series excepting EAST-WEST.

Sunday, he was the busiest man in the current East-West game and Egbert Barrow of the World's Champion Yankees, regards him as one of the cleverest men in the promotional field. By any and all standards, ROY SPARROW, is quite a lad, eh what???????

PICKED UP WITH THE TUMBLING WEED

HENRY ARMSTRONG is not the fighter he was. If that statement is false. THEN I SUBMIT THE WILD RUMORS OF "FAKE" as well as training infractions have quite a bit of basis in the realm of fact. The perpetual motion browntoned lad who never takes a backward step—HAS HAND TROUBLE.

PUNCHING as he did against welterweights Manfriedi and Garcia, LOU AMBERS NEVER COULD HAVE WEATHERED THAT FOURTH ROUND. Arthur Donovan,—rated prior to this fight the best arbiter in the land, called them as he THOUGHT HE SAW THEN THIS TIME. With the state athletic commission's deputy LOUIS BECK being guilty of the most unethical conduct any state official has since the inception of the WALKER BOXING BILL, how could Donovan do otherwise????? Beck might just as well have been Amber's chief ring second by the manner in which he yelled "FOUL" in stentorian notes, every time little Hank hit the body. Beck ought to be kicked off the commission—right here and now, and we're asking for such action in the next ten days. A Dr. Fralich, who built new hands for Gene Tunny and Harry Wills, would be "Santa Claus in a flying boat" to Armstrong just now. Ask for the decision — WHEN DONOVAN CALLED FIVE LOW SHOTS—THE JUDGES BECAME NOTHING MORE THAN MERE FIGUREHEADS.

After leaving ringside we journeyed with Lt. Benny Wright and some thirty-odd Harlem sportsmen to WELLS RESTAURANT for a cold side of chicken and a bottle. Seems like most of the boys needed the bottle more than the national bride for they had bet and lost on an ARMSTRONG—WHO DIDN'T? (to them) appear to be more than half trying even with the called fouls as Roy Leeds loudly yodelel. A lot of the regular fight fans are saying that the November AMBERS-ARMSTRONG tilt can go right out and ..FLY A KITE. Our wager is..the long suffering PUBLIC, will be right back there again..and we mean by that...these very boys talking the loudest to us here and around the table.

PETE WHITE, great Salem Crescent club official, with Fred Irvin unveiled Joe Louis' double (BUDDY MOORE), Thursday night at Rockland Palace for Exalted Ruler FINLEY WILSON and visiting brother Elks. While the night was not as hades and the show proved a financial flop, BUDDY was okay in a big way. Some meek looking white boy climbed in there with the scourge of the amateurs and in exactly 1 minute 55 seconds..he had all of us along rightside worried stiff. He was hit so hard that honest, it looked like legal murder. Thank God, the game boy came around in about six minutes and smilingly poised with his conqueror for the newsboys and candid camera fiends.

GET A LOAD OF THIS: Gus Lesnevich, one round kayo victor over Dave Clark, has it all figured out now he's going to whip Joe Louis. Says cocksure Gus: "Louis will lick himself. As soon as the champ realizes he's in there with a SUPERIOR INTELLECT, he'll go to pieces and I'll knock him out with one punch on the chin." Gus told this to Jeff Price (white) local newspaperman and what we told Mr. Price was thus: "GUS HAD BETTER GET LLOYDS' INSURANCE TO COVER THE IDEA FOR IF IT SHOULDN'T WORK OUT 100 PER CENT—SO LONG GUS."

WHITE BOY STARS ON NEGRO ELEVEN

Florida Takes Tuskegee For 20 To 6 Ride

WASHINGTON. (ANP)—Sports writers, the man has bitten the dog! All of the glowing accounts concerning Negroes playing on white teams throughout the country are completely overshadowed by the very fine playing of one R. Oves, a white lad from Philadelphia, who is rated by those who have seen him in action as the best center Lincoln ever had.

Weighing 185 pounds and a natural player, Oves is one of the stalwarts of the Rivero coached outfit, and because of his presence in the line, Lincoln is destined for better football fortunes than has been her fate in the past few years.

Oves came to Lincoln from nearby Oxford. Having lived in south Philadelphia among Negroes most of his life, he was graduated from Central high school of that city. His family then moved over to Oxford and Oves was ticketed for Bucknell college. Something went amiss and a member of the state legislature, a Mr. Holcombe, who lives in Oxford. suggested that Oves go to Lincoln.

Manny Rivero, coach, hearing of the situation paid a visit to the Oves family. The lad's father, impressed with the straightforward Rivero, agreed for his son to attend the Negro college with the statement:

"My son attending Lincoln is no different from your going to Columbia."

As a result, Oves went over to the Negro college and promptly went out for football. His excellence in the position has made the Lincoln line and given Rivero cause for rejoicing. Oves is popular with his teammates and gets along well with the other students in his class.

And so in football, the man bit the dog and made news. While other Negroes are starring in the better known white colleges, a white boy good enough to make any college team, going to a Negro college and crashing the varsity to make the headlines of Negro newspapers.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Oct. 27 — A fighting Tuskegee eleven went down to defeat here this afternoon in the Alumni bowl at the hands of the Florida A. and M. college 20 to 6.

Florida scored in the first, second and third quarters.

Tuskegee scored in the second quarter when Frazier flipped a pass to Sams for 20 yards and the fast Tuskegee back went across the Florida goal standing up. The try for the extra point was low.

Both touchdowns during the first half of the game were results of passes. In the first quarter, after working the ball to Tuskegee's 5-yard line on a series of end runs, Butler of Florida passed to Gant for the initial touchdown of the game. Jones' kick was wide and the quarter ended Florida 6, Tuskegee 0.

In the second quarter Tuskegee blocked a Florida punt on the 18-yard line. A 5-yard penalty was inflicted on Tuskegee at this point for taking too much time out.

Frazier dropped back and flipped a pass to Sams for Tuskegee's lone touchdown. Frazier's try for the extra point was low. Again after an exchange of punts, Florida took the ball near midfield. The ball then alternated between Jones and Strachan and Butler to the 8-yard line where Jones slipped off tackle for the second Florida score. The half ended Florida 13, Tuskegee 6.

A few minutes after the kickoff for the second half Florida scored again. A 40-yard pass placed the ball on Tuskegee's 8-yard line where Milton of Florida went over the goal for the final scoring of the day. Butler's kick was good.

In the fourth quarter, Tuskegee completed two long passes, one from Moore to Ellerbe for 60 yards and came within scoring distance but lost the ball on downs. The final score, Florida 20, Tuskegee 6.

During the half the Florida A and M. band along with the crack Tuskegee band paraded the field.

The Unbelievable Kenny Washington

In 15 Minutes of Play, UCLA's Negro Ace Scores 3 Touchdowns, Gains 163 Yards in 11 Tries, Completes 2 of 3 Passes

By Dave Farrell

As you all know mine has been a life of shame. I have devoted my time and put my many typewriters to uses that have made me "a historian of trivia"—if we may quote an eminent critic. Every now and again I read what has poured forth under my byline—and think of what my erstwhile colleagues have given birth to—in the way of belles lettres and better—and myself a boot in the tail (a hard trick, but I can do it) and smile wryly. Yes, I'll admit that I might have contributed more profoundly to weltschmertz. But when I think back on last Saturday's UCLA-Montana game, I glow, grin and kid myself that maybe it was worth it.

Because at last I saw a perfect football game from an individual player. And he was Kenny Washington. I have seen some ALMOST perfect games. Frisch played a couple for Fordham in his senior year. Walter Koppisch uncorked such a game for Columbia. Kenny himself put on a terrific performance a year ago against a very good Idaho team, Schneider looked great last week against the Illini.

But in last Saturday's game Kenny put on the best football performance I've ever seen. He was in the game less than 15 minutes. The score was 20-6. He scored all three touchdowns by himself. He carried the ball eleven times and ran off 163 yards which if my division is right gives him an average of 14.86 yards per effort. It might have been better but the first time he ran for no gain because the Bruin right end missed his block and Leo Cantor, his interference tripped and spilled him. On the other then tries he went from plunges of from three to 68 yards. He passed three times. His first one went to right end MacPherson and was good for 26 yards. His second a flip to Jackie Robinson was caught an eighth of an inch out of bounds. His third pass was likewise to MacPherson and was good for 29 yards. When He was not toting or pitching, he put on a number of the sweetest blocks you have ever seen and made us gasp about what a fine plunging fullback we have in young pip-squeak Cantor.

In my day I have known bullfighters. I have heard them in shop talk mention "a perefect performance." Now I know what they meant. Never have I seen such an individual performance. Were he an artist—and I think he is—I suppose the expression would be a "one-man show."

Horrell got smart on Saturday. He knew that half that scouts in football were out to watch his use of Jackie Robinson. They were out to devise this and that in an effort to stop the young Negro flash. They saw nothing. Or rather all they saw Robinson do was hold the ball for the place kickers and make the aforementioned catch out of bounds, except of course of delightful runback of some 33 yards of a punt.

I was impressed enoromusly with the Bruin first team. Brethern, they've got it. But unfortunately, it takes more than 11 men to make a football team as the USC game may show. However, let's not burn bridges until they're built. Keep on picking El Bruin and Kenny Washington and you won't go very far wrong.

NEGRO HOUSE PAINTER HORSESHOE CHAMPION

Tompkins Park, Brooklyn, Man Wins City-Wide Title

10-30-39

The city-wide championship horseshoe pitching contest was held yesterday afternoon at the Heckscher Playground in Central Park, and, although the Boroughs of Queens and Richmond were not represented, Arthur Wracks, a Negro, of 260A Tompkins Avenue, Brooklyn, a 42-year-old house painter, representing Tompkins Park in Brooklyn, won the first-place gold medal awarded by the Department of Parks.

Wracks, who finished with a 1.000 pitching average and a .572 average for ringers, won easily with a smooth, unhurried technique that unnerved his opponents.

The second-place silver medal was won by Joseph Zichella, 28, an unemployed laborer, who lives at 375 Pleasant Avenue, Manhattan.

There were only four contestants for the two prizes, although there were to have been two from each of the five boroughs. The match was to have been held Saturday, but wet grounds prevented the contest. Yesterday the Queens and Richmond winners failed to appear for the play-offs.

Morris Brown To Meet Virginia In Peach Bowl

ATLANTA, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Arrangements were completed Tuesday for a Peach Blossom Negro Bowl game Dec. 9 between Virginia State College and Morris Brown College.

Virginia State, located at Petersburg, Va., is a member of the colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association and has been undefeated for the last two years. One tie is the only mark against the team this season.

Morris Brown, an Atlanta school, is one of the strongest teams in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. It has a season record of five wins, two losses and two ties.

BEATING THE GUN

(By AL MOSES For ANP)

Editor of Ring Magazine Writes Lengthy Apology

NEW YORK. — (ANP) — In last week's column we discussed our demands upon Nat Fleischer, editor of the world's foremost boxing and wrestling magazine, for the promiscuous usage of the word "coon" by one of his columnists covering "Australian Boxing Notes." Last Monday Mr. Fleischer wrote an apology which while far from meeting with our approval, especially the lines "I love the Negroes" and other such drivvel, is essentially an apology. So as not to influence your private opinions on the subject, dear readers, we print the letter verbatim:

"Thanks exceedingly for calling my attention to something I should have seen and would have caught were I on the job. Unfortunately, as you are aware, four championship matches took place within a period of five weeks and as a result, I had to leave the office and attend to these. Unfortunately, also, I left the job to Eddie Borden, who on other occasions has passed matters which I would have killed. I called his attention to the item and his reply was:

'I didn't think there was anything wrong with that. In Australia, all colored people are called by that name and I thought it was O. K. since that is the official term used there.'

"Welll, needless to say, I deeply regret the incident. I am not prejudiced as you know. If anything, I am in a less prejudiced mind than any editor you can name. I love the Negroes and have a horde of friends among that people. They like me in Jamaica, (British West Indies) and other places where Negroes abound because I like to associate with them.

"You should know that by this time, Al, as a ring reader of long standing. No, no 'proof reader' gets the blame. I am to blame for leaving matters in the hands of a fellow who used no reason. This is the third time I have had him flunk on the job and therefore I have flunked in protecting my reading public. The blame is mine as editor, and that I cannot get away from. But be assured that my humble apologies are given from the heart. There is no excuse and I shall not attempt to hide behind the bush. I simply went west to St. Louis then Detroit, then Pittsburgh New Orleans and Washington and left all the note portion to my help.

"That's the answer, pure and simple. With deep regrets and hopes that no such thing will happen again, I remain,

"Sincerely and with apologies

(Signed)

NAT FLEISCHER, Editor, The Ring, World's Foremost Boxing and Wrestling Magazine."

Charlotte, N. C. Observer
November 5, 1939

Negroes and Football.

To The Observer:

Johnson C. Smith University contested and defeated Tennessee A. & I. College at American Legion Memorial Stadium on October 14, in an intersectional clash of Negro gridiron might. After the game, one of the white spectators was heard to remark ,"Why, those boys play real football!"

And suddenly it dawned upon me that the majority of Charlotte's pigskin following is not even remotely conscious of the high calibre of football played among the Negro colleges, that it looks upon colored inter-collegiate sports as hilarious burlesque and is more than surprised when it sees two teams, well coached and well equipped, furnish an afternoon's entertainment replete with all the thrills, chills, and excitement of America's great autumnal game.

Years ago, most of the nation's great Negro athletes were found in the white universities of the North. This might largely be attributed to the fact that colored colleges were considered academically inferior and adopted a more or less "laissez-faire" attitude toward sports. But in the past decade, the requirements of the regional accrediting agencies have become more rigid and exacting, and scholastic standards of colored colleges have been raised. In addition to government aid, subsidies from benevolent organizations and philanthropists have given these schools financial resources by which they could adopt and expand an athletic program.

Negro athletes, who ten or fifteen years ago might have gone to the northern university, are now flocking to colored institutions. The result is an improvement in the quality and quantity of material, better coaching and equipment, a stiffening of competition, and a vast improvement in the calibre of the game.

Early this year, in post-season intercollegiate games, two Negro basketball teams,—Kentucky State College and Virginia Union University,—defeated Long Island University's national champion quintet. Colored athletes from Negro colleges, under the tutelage of Negro coaches, dominated the Penn. and Drake Relays last Spring.

In view of stellar performances on other fields of sport, should it not justly follow that Negro football should be on a par with football played anywhere in America, and that a team which vanquished perhaps the greatest of these colored elevens right here in Charlotte a few weeks ago is a team for Charlotte citizenry to be proud to see and to support.

MILTON C. BRANCH,
Johnson C. Smith University.

Atlanta, Ga. Journal
October [illegible], 1939

3,000 NEGROES COMPETE ON SEVENTY GRID TEAMS

No Coach in SIAC Has Been At Helm Less Than Four Years

By E. R. WHEELER

Unconcerned with the nation's glamour teams and "bowl" prospects, several hundred thousand American Negroes are becoming Saturday bleacherites and Sunday morning quarterbacks.

They are busy betting on their own favorites in six separate Negro college football conferences, and disputing who will meet 1938's defending national champion, Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College, in December's Orange Blossom game at Orlando, Fla.

Lucius (Melancholy) Jones, sports editor of the Atlanta Daily World, Negro newspaper, estimated Wednesday there are more than 3,000 football players competing on teams of approximately 70 Negro colleges. Fifty teams are listed in four major and two minor conferences, which embrace a territory extending from Richmond, Va., to Tyler, Texas.

AND FOR HARRIED football coaches, these are pastures green. There's no snarling from disgruntled alumni, there's no playing for big gates, and the mentor of a losing team usually can hold his job till Gabriel toots his horn.

Take the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, popularly called the S. I. A. C. Veteran Cleveland S. Abbott has coached Tuskegee Institute 17 seasons; eight of the 15 schools have had their present coaches more than 10 years, and no coach has been at the helm less than four years.

Abbott has been most successful, turning out 10 S. I. A. C. champions and four national title winners since 1923—pretty warm potatoes in any league.

In the S. I. A. C., Negro grid fans are watching Alabama State College at Montgomery as a leading contender. Also powerful are Florida A. & M. at Tallahassee, the defending national champion; Morris Brown of Atlanta, and Morehouse College also of Atlanta.

KENTUCKY STATE AT Frankfort, Ky., runner-up for national honors last year, is holding attention in the Midwestern Conference, made up of six teams in Tennessee, Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky and West Virginia. The Kentuckians already have a tentative bid for the Orange Blossom game—if they remain undefeated.

Virginia State College at Petersburg, Lincoln University at Lincoln, Pa., and Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C., are neck-and-neck contenders in the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association—the C. I. A. A.—which includes 13 schools along the Eastern seaboard.

Wiley University at Marshall, Texas; Prairie View Normal at Prairie View, Texas, and Langston University, Langston, Okla., are rated powers in the seven-team Southwest Athletic Conference, with Langston favored to win.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE College at Orangeburg and Benedict College at Columbia, S. C., are standouts in the five-way South Atlantic Conference, a minor division, while in the Mississippi area it's a toss-up between the five small schools of the South Central Athletic Conference.

About a score of other Negro colleges compete in intercollegiate football, but are not identified with any conference.

Armstrong Title Fight In Danger Of Postponement

(From Yesterday's Final Edition)

NEW YORK, Nov. 27—(AP)—The Henry Armstrong-Lou Ambers fight for the world welterweight championship, now scheduled for Friday night in Madison Square Garden, may be postponed again.

Armstrong, the champion, Monday told Promoter Mike Jacobs, of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club, that he had a cold. So the New York Athletic Commission sent three doctors to examine the husky colored fighter—and their findings will be announced Tuesday at noon by Commission Chairman John J. Phelan.

Originally billed for Nov. 1, it was put back to Dec. 1 when Ambers, then honeymooning, asked to be given a month more of training.

Ambers took the lightweight title from Armstrong last August in their last meeting. The lightweight title will not be at stake in this fight.

If the fight has to be put off, the headline match at the Garden Friday will pit Pete Scalzo, of New York, and Allie Stolz, of Newark, a couple of promising featherweights, over a 10-round route.

The fight between Ambers and Armstrong—the third the two have staged—may be arranged for Dec. 22, although Jacobs was not certain when it could go on, because of other engagements.

U.C.L.A.'s Negro Aces Spark Team to Easy Win in Night Tilt

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1 (UP).—University of California at Los Angeles' surprising Bruins were one step from their first Pacific Coast Conference title and, possibly, a Rose Bowl bid today following last night's erratic 24-7 victory over Washington State.

The UCLA's now are over their last Conference hurdle before meeting Southern California Dec. 9, in a struggle to determine the coast champion and probably the West's representative in the Rose Bowl New Year's Day.

U.C.L.A.'s fourth quarter dynamite exploded again in the Washington State game to keep them in the Rose Bowl picture. That same amazing ability to shake loose its star Negro backs, Kenny Washington and Jackie Robinson, in crucial periods of the game has put the Bruins nearer this season to the Conference title than ever in their history.

SPORTS- 1939

ARMSTRONG CHOICE TO RETAIN HONORS

Defends Welterweight Title Against Ambers in Garden Ring Friday Night

SAVAGE BATTLE EXPECTED

Rivals Have Free-Swinging, Tireless Styles — Ambers Victor in Last Bout

HOW THE RIVALS COMPARE

ARMSTRONG		AMBERS
27 years	Age	26 years
137 pounds	Weight	137 pounds
5 ft. 5¼ in.	Height	5 ft. 6 in.
68 inches	Reach	70 inches
36 inches	Chest (normal)	37 inches
38¾ inches	Chest (expanded)	39½ inches
29 inches	Waist	29¾ inches
12½ inches	Biceps	13 inches
11½ inches	Forearm	12 inches
7 inches	Wrist	7 inches
19½ inches	Thigh	19¾ inches
12 inches	Calf	12 inches
9 inches	Ankle	9½ inches
15½ inches	Neck	15½ inches
9 inches	Fist	10 inches

By JAMES P. DAWSON

The last of the three ring titles gathered in by Henry Armstrong to bring him the distinction of being the only fighter in boxing history ever to hold three championships at the one time, goes on the block Friday night in Madison Square Garden.

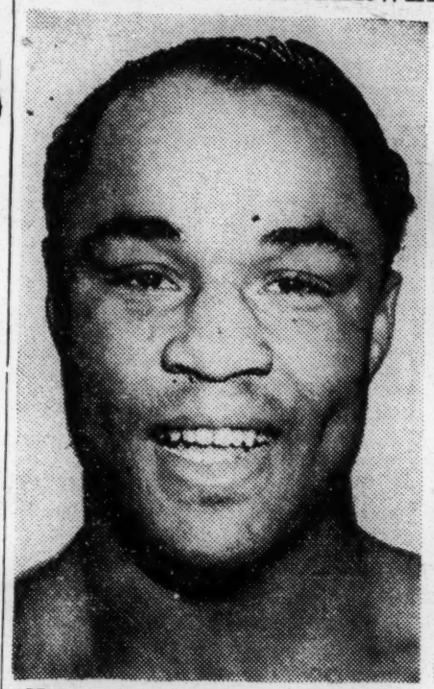
The doughty Californian will fight Lou Ambers, world lightweight champion, for the welterweight title in a bout scheduled for fifteen rounds.

The eighth match for supremacy in the 147-pound division conducted by Promoter Mike Jacobs since he formed the Twentieth Century S. C. five years ago, the approaching encounter will view Armstrong defending his crown for the twelfth time since he lifted it from Barney Ross last June.

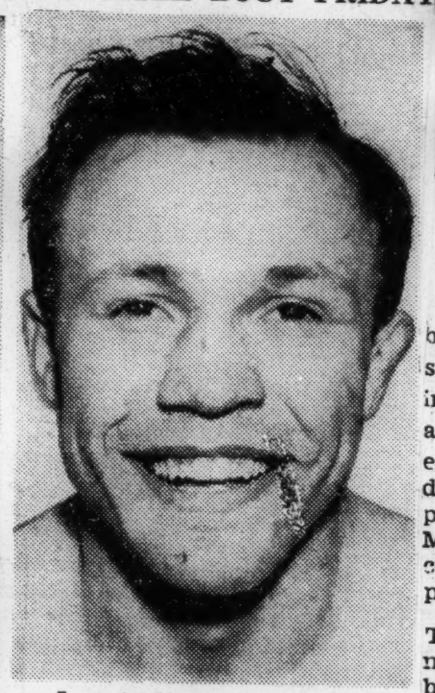
Knotty Title Claim

Although it is contrary to the old-fashioned idea in boxing. Armstrong will enter the ring as the defending champion, despite the fact that last August Ambers captured his 135-pound laurels. There was a time when a double champion automatically jeopardized his heavier

TO MEET IN WELTERWEIGHT TITLE BOUT FRIDAY



Henry Armstrong, the champion



Lou Ambers, the challenger

title when he defended the lighter one.

But officially Ambers never has been recognized as more than the lightweight leader. This is one of the points which will be settled in the forthcoming scrap.

Because of the free-swinging, tireless styles of the two champions, and the promise of a savage battle, Promoter Jacobs predicts gate receipts in excess of $50,000 for the occasion. He has scaled his tickets from $2 for admission to $11.50 for ringside chairs. The intermediate prices are $3, $3.50, $5 and $7.75, including taxes. The advance sale has been encouraging.

Penalties Proved Costly

Armstrong is expected to enter the ring a favorite to win, and with substantial backing. Local followers of boxing were not unanimous in support of the decision to Ambers which took the lightweight title from Armstrong last August. On that occasion Armstrong was penalized for accidental fouls, the penalties costing him rounds which measured the difference between victory and defeat.

Ambers, not exactly free of rules infractions, suffered no penalties. As a consequence, the question of supremacy between the boxers who have already met in two bouts, remains a moot point.

Ambers declares he will bid for a knockout in order to establish his supremacy once and for all. In view of the fact that Armstrong never has been knocked out, this looms as a considerable undertaking. The Herkimer Hurricane, as Ambers is called, points to the fact that he will not be handicapped by weight requirements, since he can weigh up to 147 pounds, and will be stronger in every respect than he is when compelled to get down to 135, the lightweight limit.

Trained in Arkansas

Armstrong, however, should be stronger, too, as well as better able to set a pace. He has been training for weeks at Hot Springs, Ark., closing his work with drills at Grupp's Gymnasium in Harlem Ambers rounded out his training at Summit, N. J. Both are reported in excellent condition.

In the preliminary card, Mike Kaplan, Boston, will face Eddie Brink, Brooklyn, in the six-round semi-final. Chalky Wright, Los Angeles, and Everett Rightmire, Chicago; Marty Servo, Schenectady, and Joe Torres, Puerto Rico; Georgie Crouch, Los Angeles, and Mike Martinez, West Side, will meet in other six-rounders. A four-round encounter will be between Carmine Fatta, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Devlin, Irish boxer.

Birmingham Back In Negro American Loop

By SAM R. BROWN

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(SNS)—The Negro American League of baseball clubs met in a two day session last Friday and Saturday in Chicago. After all the fireworks and reports had been disseminated the results were a new president, Dr. J. B. Martin, former vice president and president of the Memphis Red Sox and the office of commissioner of baseball, retiring president, Major R. R. Jackson

The commissioner's office was newly created, of course there had been an outstanding need for such an office, but the owners of the various clubs had not seen fit to create the office until this meeting. Other officers elected or rather re-elected were J. L. Wilkerson of Kansas City, treasurer and Frank (Fay) Young secretary.

The following cities were represented at the meeting: Birmingham, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Memphis, St. Louis and Toledo. T. H. Hayes Jr. local mortician and business man was granted the franchise at Birmingham. On the second day of the meeting Mr. Hayes announced that 'Candy Jim' Taylor would be the manager for the Birmingham entry. It was also announced that Redus, outfielder of the Chicago American Giants would manage the Giants next season.

Representatives of the Negro National League who were present included Tom Wilson, president of the league and owner of the Baltimore Elite Giants, Mrs. Abe Manley, owner of the Newark Eagles and Sum Pose yof the Homestead Grays. Mrs. Manley recommended Judge Hastie, Dean of the Howard University Law School, as commissioner, this the league rejected and elected their own commissioner Major Jackson has served well as president of the league and is well up on all matters pertaining to baseball and should prove an excellent commissioner. The National League may accept him as commissioner of the Nat'l League in their meeting, he should prove acceptable t othe club owners of the National loop.

W. S. Welch of Shreveport, La. well known in baseball circles throughout the south attended the meeting in Chicago and presented to the club owners an idea that he is planning to put into operation which met the approval of the club owners. He will conduct a baseball school at New Orleans, Shreveport and Alexandria for the purpose of training players for the various clubs of the league. He plans to start his school about the middle of February. He can be reached at 1743 Weinstock, Shreveport, La., any young ball players interested might contact him. The League will have their midwinter meeting the first of March

Kenny Washington Picked By Bill Stern

Journal and Guide 11-25-39 Norfolk, Va

On All-America Team: Robinson Alternate

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—An index to what may be expected in the way of post-season all-star selections was given this week by Bill Stern, best known of NBC's sport broadcasters, and one of the most widely traveled sports reporters in the country, in a special advance selection for LIFE, popular picture magazine, last week.

Kenny Washington, known as "The General" at the University of California at Los Angeles, got Stern's nod for All-America halfback and his ace running mate, Jackie Robinson, was picked as one of the alternate backs for this wonder team.

KENNY WASHINGTON

Washington is a senior and he has scored himself or passed for many of the touchdowns the Uclans have made this season. Most of the scores not made by "The General" have been made by Robinson, a sophomore, brother of Mack Robinson, Olympic sprinter.

UNDEFEATED RECORD

The UCLA team boasts an undefeated record so far this season and most of the credit for the sensational play of the Uclans goes to Washington, who has sparked the team, and Robinson, the speedy open field runner. The team was tied once but is still in the running for a bid to play in the Rose Bowl, January 1. It must meet Southern California December 2, in a game which will probably determine the Pacific Coast's Rose Bowl representative, assuming that the Uclans go through the rest of the season undefeated.

The University of Southern California is the only coast team that has a record as good as that of the Uclans. Both have one tie each.

Stern's choice of Washington is likely to prove the popular choice with other impartial sports writers. The passing and running genius has been a sensation this year. Stern, in addition to getting the chance to broadcast the most important game each Saturday, has travelled throughout the country, interviewing officials, sports writers, coaches, and players. He spends hours each week watching full length moving pictures of the games in which the stars have participated.

QUALIFIED OBSERVER

As a result of his extraordinary contacts with football, he is one of the most qualified observers in the nation on the grid sport.

Stern's All-America team for LIFE last year proved unusually accurate and it is expected that this year's advance choice will be duplicated by a majority of sport scribes.

In Stern's All-America backfield along with Washington, he placed Tennessee's George Cafego, Michigan's Tom Harmon, and Jim Kimbrough of Texas A. and M.

LIFE, last week pictured Washington with his girl friend, attractive Miss June Bradley, UCLA co-ed.

FOURTEEN POINTS IN GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., Dec. 14—To encourage good sportsmanship among athletes, the following is given out for the benefit of all athletes.

A GOOD SPORT DOES

1. Plays fair at all times.
2. Gives his opponent a square deal.
3. Plays hard to the end, though wronged.
4. Keeps his head.
5. Plays for the joy of playing and for the success of his team.
6. Is a good team worker.
7. Keeps training rules.
8. Backs his team in every honest way.

But—

9. Does his best in all school work.
10. Obeys orders of coach or captain.
11. Is respectful to officials. Accepts adverse decisions graciously. Expects the officials to enforce the rules.

DOES NOT

Does not cheat.

Does not take technical advantage.

Does not quit. Is not "yellow".

Does not lose his temper.

Does not play to the "grandstand".

Does not play for money or other reward.

Does not abuse his body.

Does not bet.

Does not think betting necessary to show loyalty.

Does not neglect his studies.

Does not shirk.

Never blames officials for defeat.

Does not "crab".

Does not "kick".

Does not complain.

WHEN HE LOSES

12. Congratulates the winner. Gives his opponent full credit. Learns to correct his faults through his failures. Does not show disappointment. Is not a "sorehead". Does not "alibi". Does not make excuses.

WHEN HE WINS

13. Is generous. Is modest. Is considerate.

14. Is true to his highest ideals. Does not boast. Does not crow. Does not rub it in. Does nothing unworthy of a gentleman one hundred per cent American.

Negroes Play Football With $12,900, But Police Intercept Final Pass

KANSAS CITY — (AP) — Joseph Johnson, 70-year-old Negro laborer, was cleaning bricks for 75 cents per thousand as wreckers tore down an old house.

The cornice collapsed. Johnson saw a small tin box, pried into it. His eyes bulged. Greenbacks—two bundles of large, old-fashioned bills. "The sweat just popped out on me."

Johnson, confused, hurried home. He counted—$12,900 in $1,000s, $500s and $100s.

Excited, and still confused, he decided to "wait and see if anything comes out in the papers."

Something did. A woman, watching the house razing, reported to police she saw a Negro find "some big green papers" and rush away.

Johnson sent for a friend, Kathryn Williams, "to come as quick as you can get here." He gave her his find and pleaded, "Go home and put this in the bottom of that little steamer trunk of yours—clear at the bottom so it will be safe."

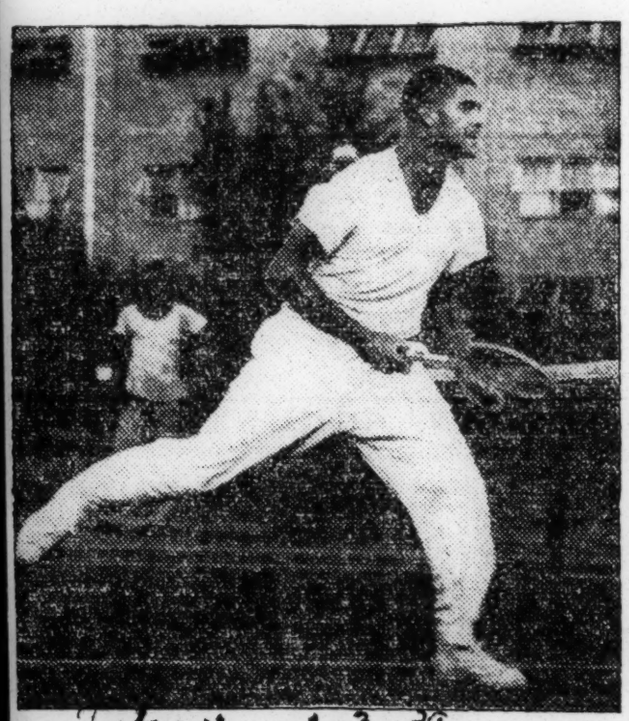
Kathryn Williams went instead to the Metropolitan Spiritualist Church of Christ (Negro). She confided in Bishop William F. Taylor. They hid the money.

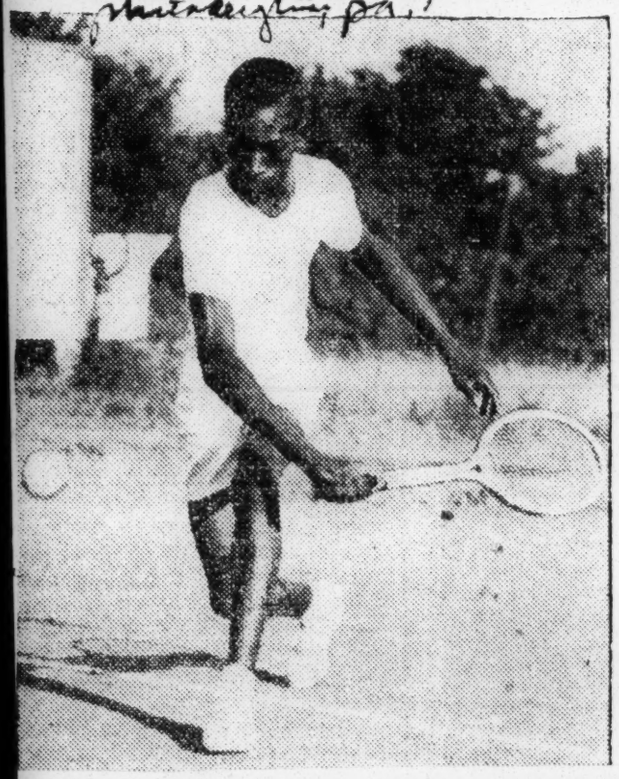
About that time police learned the late L. H. Wyatt habitually hid money because "he didn't like banks." It was Wyatt's house that was being wrecked.

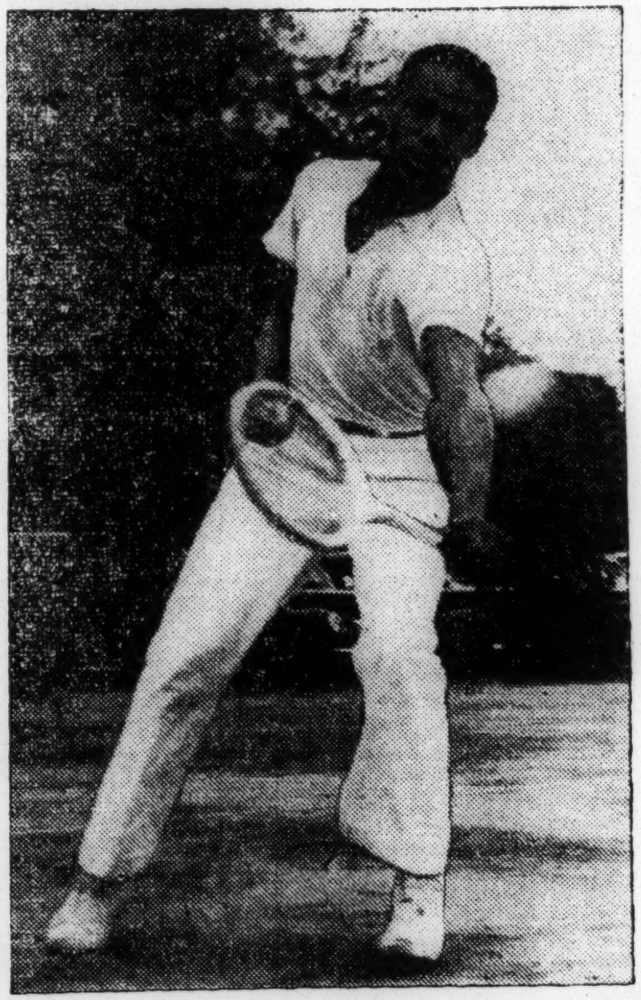
Police called Johnson, who called Kathryn, who led them to the church. Taylor then led them all into a labrynth of whitewashed stone passages under the church. He reached up to a window ledge and pulled out $5,700. He produced $1,500 more from an old Swiss music box, $600 from his pocket and $4,900 from a cedar chest on the second floor. With all but $200 accounted for police were "satisfied"—but still had a big headache. Whose money?

They said that probably would be decided in court.

Tennis Is The Thing







With the Nationals not far off tennis dominates the headlines these days and here are a few of the outstanding players from the Southern area who expect to make things lively at Hampton. Top left, is Joseph King, Dorchester Academy, who has six records, including the Georgia State men and junior titles; below him is Richard Cohen, Xavier, who since 1936 has run up nine titles. In the center are the redoubtable Peters sisters, Roumania and Margaret, now students at Tuskegee and at the left Jimmie McDaniel, also of Xavier, who possesses a long string of titles, also.

PERSONAL---BUT NOT PRIVATE

By DAVE FARRELL

Some Good Arguments for Admitting Negro Ball Players

Lester Rodney on the "Daily Worker" in New York and Norman Schmidt on the "Record" in Chicago have been putting up the good fight for the right of the Negro ball players to play baseball in the leagues. But I haven't done a thing about it so far this season, except to promise myself that I would do a couple of columns about the greatest injustice in modern sport.

If by pounding away for the next couple of years we can finally break down the Old Judge and make him come through with a ruling, it will be wonderful. We'll get, and when I say we, I mean those of us who take baseball seriously, a lot of new big leaguers, something the game needs badly. I've run into a lot of fans of my generation who just read about the game, but who don't go any more.

And one of them presented the argument that, "The game isn't what it once was. It isn't well enough played. Today there are maybe a dozen real outstanding stars, but that's that. But when you and I sold papers so we could get up the scratch, there were a lot of real ball players, guys who were just rank and filers then, but who would be stars today. I'm thinking of guys like Bill Raridan catching, Bob Bescher, Red Murray, Josh Devore, Beals Becker, Del Pratt, Baby Doll Jacobson, Fred Luderous, Dick Hoblitzell and guys like that. Today there aren't enough real big leaguers to round out the rosters of two major leagues. And I'm not putting out any real dough to see a lot of guys masquerading as big league ball players, when you and I both know McGraw or Stallings or Chance would take one look at them and give them transportation fast."

Somehow this appeal to the Old Doddering Idiot in me struck a esponsive note. So I asked my friend, "What do you think would happen if they junked their stupid Jim Crow unwritten law of baseball and let the Negroes into O. B.?"

"Then we'd get somewhere. There's at least ten guys playing in colored loops right now that could step right into the big leagues and make the grade. I don't have to name them, guys like the Old Satchel, the catcher Gibson, the Shuttle and half a dozen others that don't have to duck for anybody. There's twenty-five more that belong in A.A. and twice that many that could play between B. and single A."

As I nodded, my pal went on, "I hate to think of the great Negro ball players that we used to see, who never got a chance, fellows like Cannon Ball Redding, Williams, that Big Howard. What ball players they were! Remember the Bachrach Giants down in Atlantic City? It makes me sick to think they never got a chance." 4-2-39

Kenny Washington of UCLA a Wonder

"It makes me sicker to think that a kid like Kenny Washington may never get his chance," I countered.

"Kenny Washington? I thought he was a football player?"

"He is, a hell of a football player, one of the three greatest I ever saw—on a day when he's really hot. The other two being Frankie Frisch and Walter Koppisch of Columbia. But let me tell you something, Kenny is a better ball player than he is a footballer."

"How do you know? He didn't play this season," my friend asked.

"Only because he bore down on Spring practice in football and the text-books so that he'd be in there next year. But I saw plenty of him last season. And what a batter that guy is! He hit for almost .450 in our Coast Conference. And let me tell you that we get better baseball by and large out here, than anywhere in the country, that is in the colleges. The Conference here is as good as a B league."

"I'll grant that the guy can hit," said my friend. "But what else can he do?"

"You haven't heard what a hitter he is," I insisted. "Let me finish. Lee Frankovich was telling me about a game UCLA was playing against Stanford, up north. The right field fence there is some 510 feet from the plate. Only two guys have ever parked one over the fence and both were lefties. Kenny is a right-handed hitter and with a man on first he was hitting behind the runner mind you. On a hit sign, he swung and blasted the ball out of the park, the ball going some 20 feet over that right field fence.

"In the field, they played him at short and when he'd make a throw the ball would stay on a line clear across the infield and only begin to take off and rise just as it go to the first baseman."

"Why didn't they make a pitcher out of him?" was the next question.

"They begged him to but he was afraid. He had control trouble and figured that if a hook didn't break and he beaned a hitter, he might kill him. But the boy is plenty of a short-stop. One year in A.A. ball and he's ready for the big show."

"And if they don't give him his chance?"

"They're crazy," I retorted. "The magnate, the guy with the dough invested in baseball, is only interested in one thing, bringing the fan out to the ball park. And the big attraction in baseball is the really great player. These guys may think Jim Crow personally, but they don't like to eat it on the ledgers. Give the St. Louis Browns four good ball players from the Negro best; throw a couple onto the Phillies; put two more on the Washington club and see what it does to the attendance figures."

"You got something there," my friend admitted. "They're always looking for novelties to bring the customers in. Why don't they try the greatest novelty of them all, adding a few real big leaguers to their rosters, colored big leaguers?"

No 'Trouble' in Other Sports

"What do you think of that argument that the ball players wouldn't fraternize with a Negro on the team?" I asked.

"Nothing," said my friend. "The boys on the college teams have no trouble getting along with their Negro colleagues. And I never heard of anybody sending Eddie Tolan, Johnny Woodruff or Jesse Owen to coventry.

"Nor does everybody run to cover when they see Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong or other good Negro boxers. And what's more Bill Robinson isn't exactly a pariah among the actors. They get along with him fine. And Benny Goodman showed them something when he put Lionel Hampton into his mob."

""You said it, chum," said my friend. "The argument is a dopey one. But it isn't half as dopey as the magnate's refusal to get himself all that good talent—and that potential big market. They haven't begun to draw on the possible Negro audiences."

"And why should the Negro put his money on the line. If they won't let him play, he shouldn't be expected to pay."

And on that note, I decided to sit right down and write to my old friend, Judge Landis. I'll print both the letter and reply when it comes.

Montgom'ry to Sit Out Texas Tilt

Afro-American 12-23-39

BOSTON, Mass.—Having twice benched diminutive Lou Montgomery, sensational halfback, at the request of Southern schools during the regular football season, Boston College officials will repeat the jellyfish act for the third time when the Beantown eleven goes to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl game against Clemson College of Clemson, S.C., on New Year's Day. Baltimore, Md.

That Montgomery would be on the bench was revealed Friday when Curtis Sanford, white, president of the Cotton Bowl Athletic Association, of Dallas, announced:

"In view of the general attitude toward Negroes in Texas, it was deemed advisable that Montgomery refrain from playing. We conferred with Boston College officials and Montgomery will come to Texas with the team, but will not play."

Third Time

Montgomery was idle when Boston College played Florida and Auburn earlier in the season.

The swivel-hipped young star is a graduate of Brockton High School where for three years he was top scorer in New England scholastic circles. His career at B.C. has been studded with unfortunate incidents. Last year, in his freshman term at Boston College, he was forced to battle a jim-crowish coach, who kept him on the bench despite his early season exploits.

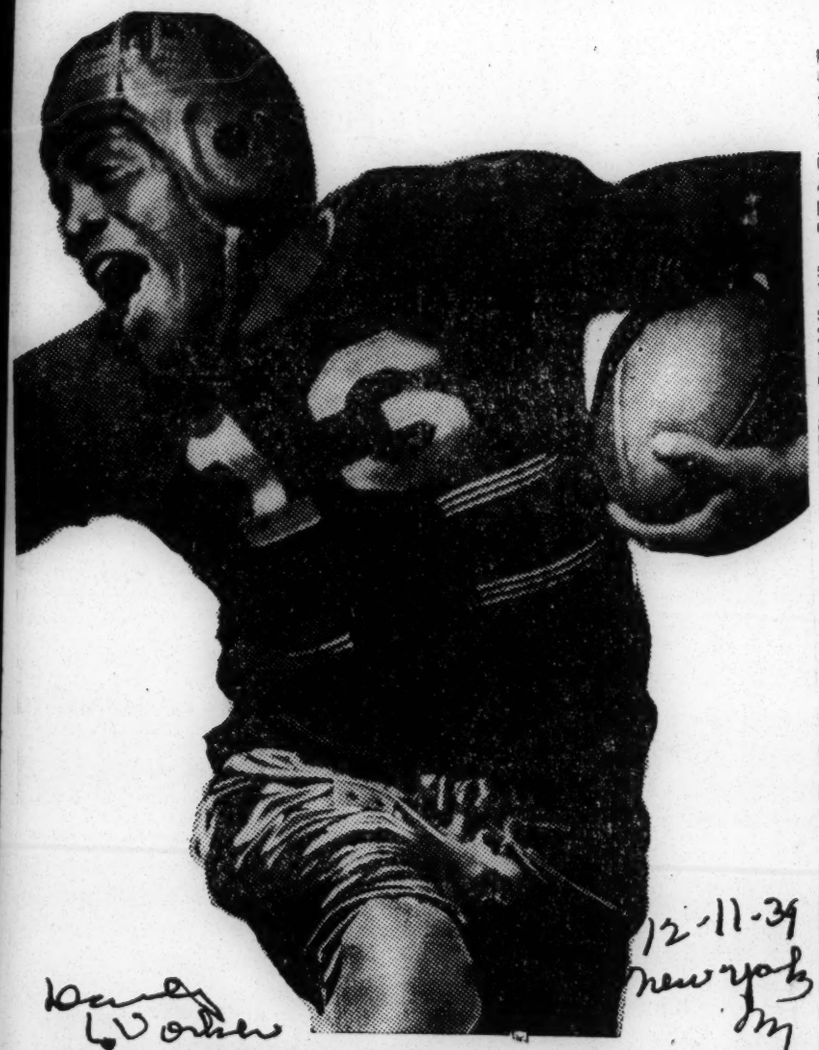
And, this season, he has been forced to the bench twice because of a spineless school athletic management that agrees to the prejudiced demands of the Southern schools.

Only 19 Years Old

Montgomery is 19 years old, stands 5 feet, 8 inches, and, in addition to his gridiron gallivanting, has a hot reputation on the baseball diamond. He also excells on the track, where he broadjumps 21 and 22 feet consistently.

SPORTS- 1939

Stars As UCLA Just Misses Bowl



KENNY WASHINGTON, UCLA's great All-American back, just missed taking an underdog team into the Rose Bowl at the expense of a USC eleven considered the most powerful in the nation. With the score 0-0, Kenny led a magnificent UCLA march to the USC two-yard line in the final quarter, but the Trojans held and the game ended in a scoreless deadlock. USC will face Tennessee in the New Year's Day Classic.

Oklahoma Team Winner Of Negro Football Crown

ATLANTA — (AP) — Oklahoma's powerful Langston University Lions, undefeated and tied once this season, were rated national Negro collegiate football champions today.

The Langston team, which finished at the top of the Southwest Athletic Conference, piled up 98 points and yielded 26 in games with eight opponents.

Lucious (Melancholy) Jones, sports editor of The Atlanta Daily World, Negro newspaper, said Langston earned a season's average of 26.07 by the Dickinson Rating System, based on wins, losses, ties and quality of schedule played.

Under the rating arrangement, an average of 30 theoretically would be equivalent to a perfect season, he said.

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical College at Tallahassee, last year's national champion, finished as runner-up with seven wins, one tie and two losses. The Floridians, in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, scored 154 points gainst all opponents, and allowed their foes 59. Their rating was 24.64.

Playing before more than 9,000 spectators in the seventh renewal of the annual orange blossom contest at Orlando Saturday, Florida A. and M. whipped Wiley University, of Marshall, Tex., 42-0, for their fourth blossom victory.

Virginia State College, of Petersburg, Va., for two years champion of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association, was ranked third nationally with seven wins, one tie and one defeat. The Trojans, unbeaten since 1937, were turned back 13-7 by Morris Brown College, of Atlanta, Saturday in the first annual peach blossom game, a newcomer in Negro post-season football.

The rankings:

Team	W.	L.	T.	Avg.	PF.	PA.
1. Langston, Okla.	7	0	1	26.07	98	2[illegible]
2. Florida A. & M.	7	2	1	24.64	154	5[illegible]
3. Virginia State	7	1	1	23.93	98	2[illegible]
4. Wilberforce (Ohio)	6	2	0	23.57	101	4[illegible]
5. Alabama State	5	2	2	22.86	93	5[illegible]
6. Morris Brown (Ga.)	6	2	2	22.14	109	6[illegible]
7. Bluefield (W. Va.)	5	2	3	21.87	102	3[illegible]
8. J. C. Smith (N. C.)	7	2	0	21.67	86	7[illegible]
9. Lincoln (Pa.)	5	2	1	21.50	73	4[illegible]
10. Tennessee State	4	3	1	21.07	145	7[illegible]
11. Le Moyne (Tenn.)	3	3	1	21.07	58	5[illegible]
12. Xaxier (La.)	5	4	0	20.71	50	5[illegible]
13. Agr'l & Tech. (N. C.)	4	2	3	19.64	112	3[illegible]
14. Lane (Tenn.)	4	3	1	19.64	89	5[illegible]
15. Morehouse (Ga.)	4	3	1	19.64	77	3[illegible]
16. Kentucky State	6	1	0	19.29	165	2[illegible]
17. N. Carloina St.	4	3	1	19.29	80	5[illegible]
18. Hampton Institute (Va.)	4	3	1	18.92	87	4[illegible]
19. Arkansas State	5	3	1	18.21	73	7[illegible]
20. Prairie View (Tex.)	4	2	1	18.10	106	3[illegible]

TROJANS INVITE SOUTHERN TEAM AFTER 0 TO 0 TIE

103,300 See Battle with U. C. L. A.

Pointless, but Wow!

U. S. C. [0].		U. C. L. A. [0].
Fish	L. E.	Strod[illegible]
Stoecker	L. T.	Lyma[illegible]
Smith	L. G.	Sommer
Dempsey	C.	Matheso[illegible]
Sohn	R. G.	Frawle[illegible]
Gaspar	R. T.	Zarubic[illegible]
Winslow	R. E.	MacPherso[illegible]
Lansdell	Q. B.	Mathew[illegible]
Hoffman	L. H.	Washingto[illegible]
Robertson	R. H.	Robinso[illegible]
Peoples	F. B.	Overli[illegible]

Substitutions: U. S. C.—Ends, Jones, Krueger; tackles, Stonebraker, Benson; guards, Thomassin, Phillips; center, Morrill; backs, Banta, Schindler, Nave, Engle, Bundy, Sangster.

U. C. L. A.—Ends, Simpson, Cascales, Jones, Bartlett; tackles, Dyie, Cohen, Hill; guards, Kyzivat, De Francisco, Ruettgers; center, Alder; backs, Cantor, Hesse, Fenebock.

Coaches—Howard Jones [Southern California]; Babe Horrell [U. C. L. A.].

Referee—Bob Morris [Seattle]. Umpire—Verne Landreth [Friends]. Head linesman—L. G. Conlon [St. Mary's]. Field judge—Ralph Coleman [Oregon State].

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 9 [Special]—The University of Southern California Victory Special, which had been clicking along unbeaten after a tie in the season opener, backed into the Rose bowl today as the University of California at Los Angeles held the Trojans to a 0 to 0 draw in a furiously fought battle.

Official confirmation of selection for the Jan. 1 date in the Pasadena contest was received several hours after the game, but there was no doubt that Southern California would draw the bid. The selection was announced by Prof. C. V. Ruzek of Oregon State college after a telegraphic poll of the Pacific Coast conference member schools.

Vols' First Appearance.

Southern California then immediately wired Tennessees unbeaten Volunteers to be its foe, and the Knoxville school just as quickly accepted. It will be Tennessee's first appearance in the Rose bowl, but the Trojans have sent five previous elevens to Pasadena, all of which have been victorious.

U. C. L. A., by reason of also being unbeaten, might have had a claim to the western rôle in the Tournament of Roses game, but it had three ties in conference competition against it whereas the Trojans had only two—today's with the Bruins and the one in the season opener with Oregon. Oregon State and Stanford, in addition to U. S. C., deadlocked the Uclans in conference competition, and they also had another draw on their record, that with Santa Clara in a nonconference engagement.

Statistics Accurate Gauge.

While a crowd of 103,300 looked on, the two teams waged a fight of proportions not revealed in the negative score. The Trojans entered the contest the favorite, but in the end were holding on in desperate fashion for the tie which admitted them to a share of the Pacific Coast conference championship and with it the Rose bowl assignment.

The Trojans made one mighty scoring effort in the first period, and U. C. L. A. brought the roaring crowd to its feet with a 78 yard thrust in the final quarter. Between these drives the two teams fought each other terrifically, yet only one serious penalty was called—a clipping foul against U. S. C.

For once, the statistics accurately measured the ability of two elevens. The Trojans made 11 first downs and the Uclans, with Half Back Kenny Washington turning in a brilliant 60 minute game, had ten. U. S. C. had an edge in yards gained, but the Trojans found a line as big and as tough as their own in this Bruin forward wall.

Lansdell Hit, Fumbles.

Gathered under skies bright one moment and cloudy the next, the huge throng, greatest ever to see a game in the west, saw the Trojan powerhouse start with a rush. With Quarter Back Grenville Lansdell directing them, the Trojans moved inside the Uclan 25 yard stripe, but U. C. L. A. held for downs, and took the ball on its 22 yard line. But Washington fumbled on his 28 and the Trojans recovered.

Bob Peoples made five, Lansdell passed for four, and Peoples drove to the Bruin 11. Lansdell then crashed

over the battered right side of the Bruin line and as he reached the 5 yard stripe was tackled from behind. The ball flew out of his hands and over the goal line, where U. C. L. A. recovered for a touchback to end the only scoring threat of a Trojan team figured to down the Bruins by a convincing margin.

The second and third periods found neither squad able to get into scoring position, altho U. S. C. gained consistently between the 30 yard lines. Late in the last quarter, after Doyle Nave had maneuvered the Trojans into Bruin territory, U. C. L. A. took the ball on its 20 yard line.

Bruins Start to Move.

Jackie Robinson, Washington's half back teammate, reeled off thirteen yards and Kenny added ten more. Full Back Leo Cantor added a yard and the Bruins crossed the midfield stripe on Washington's 18 yard pass to End Don MacPherson.

The tired Trojans couldn't stop the Bruins. Washington added twelve yards with another flip to Robinson, and from the 20 passed to Strode for five and first down. Another pass, this one to Ned Mathews, went for five, and Washington went thru for three to the Trojan 7 yard line. Cantor barged over the Trojan right tackle for four, and Cantor carried it to the 2 yard line. Here the Trojans fought off the thrust. Washington was stopped cold and Cantor was knocked back to the 4. On fourth down, Washington's pass over the goal line was knocked down by Bob Robertson, U. S. C. half back.

The ball was directly in front of the standards, in perfect position for a place kick, when the Bruins decided to trust everything to a fourth down pass. The Trojans took the ball on their 20 yard line and, with less than three minutes to go, the crowd knew it was all over.

	SO. CAL.	U. C L.A
First downs	11	10
Yards gained by rushing [net]	183	89
Forward passes attempted	11	18
Forward passes completed	5	7
Yards gained by forward passes	39	79
Yards lost attempting to pass	0	0
Forward passes intercepted by	1	1
Yards run back with intercepted passes	4	1
Punting average [from scrimmage]	33	34.3
*Total yards, kicks returned	52	68
Opponents' fumbles recovered	1	1
Yards lost by penalties	20	0

*Includes kickoffs and punts.

KNOCKDOWN JUST BEFORE END OF WELTERWEIGHT TITLE BOUT

Henry Armstrong, the defender, has sent Jimmy Garrison of Kansas City to the canvas in the seventh round of the battle in Cleveland, held on Monday night. Referee Benny Leonard, the former lightweight champion, stopped the bout in 1:19, giving Armstrong the victory by a technical knockout.

K.O. Victories To Armstrong And Al Hostak

12,000 Watch Hostak Stop Seelig in 1st; Henry Wins in Seventh

By the Associated Press

Cleveland, Dec. 11.—Welterweight Champion Henry Armstrong and Middleweight Titleholder Al Hostak successfully defended their boxing crowns tonight with knockout victories.

Armstrong stopped Jimmy Garrison of Kansas City, in the seventh of a scheduled 10-round bout and Hostak iced Eric Seelig of New York in the first stanza of a 15-round go.

The two little bouts topped the annual Cleveland news Christmas fund show, which draw a crowd of 12,000.

Garrison gave Armstrong a good argument for six rounds, but after the second stanza there was no question of the champion's superiority. The tireless brown blaster began connecting with overhand rights and lefts in the third round, opened Garrison's left eye in the fourth, and had drawn blood from both eyes by the sixth.

The right swing high on the jaw floored Garrison for a count of nine in the seventh and when he came to his feet he was met with a flurry of gloves which soon had him on the canvas again. His corner tossed in the towel. He was out in one minute 19 seconds of the round. Armstrong weighed 138¾, Garrison 141.

After sparring for a brief time, Hostak caught the veteran Seelig with a left hook to the jaw and sent him sprawling for a count of nine.

Seelig wobbled to his feet, only to catch a right uppercut on the chin. He tried to get up again on the count of nine, but was too late. The knockout came in one minute and 21 seconds.

It was Hostak's first ring appearance East of the Mississippi. He weighed 159 pounds and Seelig 160.

Shoffner Signs

Cincinnati, Dec. 11 (AP).—Milburn Shoffner, veteran left-hander, who joined the National League champion Reds late in the season on waivers from Boston, signed a one-year contract today. He was the sixth player to do so. Terms were not disclosed.

Baseball Magnates Bar Jim Crow Plea From Meeting Floor

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. (CNA)—The winter meeting of the baseball magnates has ended without taking any action on the widespread demand to end the Un-American Jim Crow ban that keeps what Manager Bill McKechnie of the Cincinnati Reds estimates as at least twenty Negro stars capable of stepping right into the big leagues.

The New York State Young Communist League petition calling for the abolition of Jim Crowism in Big League baseball was presented to President Ford Frick of the National League, who received 30,000 signatures collected by the YCL from New York fans, but avoided the issue by declaring that a social problem" was involved for which the big leagues were not responsible, that he represented a "business" and that he was therefore "no crusader."

The petitions never reached the floor, where at least one magnate, Benswanger of Pittsburgh, had promised to fight for an end to discrimination if it came up for discussion.

Many sport writers, who favor the lifting of the ban, are wondering just how good a business man Frick is, and what he will do next year when the process of "So what—the Yanks will murder 'em anyhow" will hit National as well as American League attendance to an even greater extent than it did this year.

SPORTS-1939

Borican Makes Big Hit With Students at Dartsmouth Univ.

Track Ace Gets Loud Ovation At Hanover

By CHARLES A. DAVIS

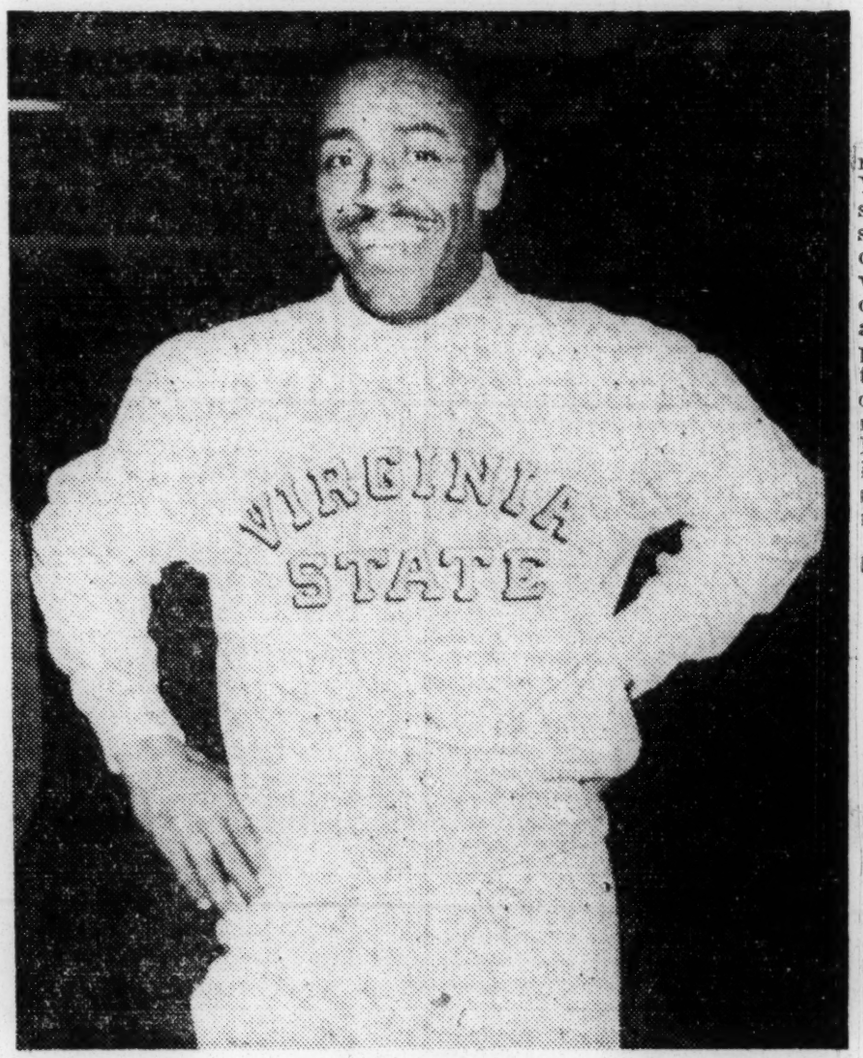
HANOVER, N. H.—The quiet of snow-bound Hanover was broken for a moment Wednesday night, March 8. John Borican came to town, stayed a few hours, departed on the 1:40 a. m. train for Montreal with the 880 yd. and 800 meter indoor titles tucked securely under his belt.

Shortly after 8:30 p. m. the gun of starter Elliott B. Noyes, Dartmouth's freshman track coach, resounded through the Alumni Gymnasium and sent Borican and three Dartsmouth handicap runners churning around the steeply banked track. And precisely 1 minute and 49.8 seconds afterwards the race was over and Lloyd Hahn's indoor record of 1 min. 51.2 sec. for the 880 yds. was broken. Shattered in the same wild dash was the 800 meter record of 1 min. 50.7 sec., which Borican had lowered to 1 min. 49.2 sec.

It was the signal for a celebration. The 1,500 record-hungry students and visitors who jammed the Dartmouth Gymnasium let out a chorus of Indian war whoops as the school band blared "Dartmouth's in Town Again." Excitable Harry Hillman, Dartmouth's track coach and engineer of the second annual Invitation Track Meet, who has been dancing from one side of the track to the other, wrung Borican's hand. He was the first to congratulate the new champion among the mob of well wishers, not the least important of whom was Joe Mangan, former Cornell miler and now a lawyer in Rutland, Vt., who, in his prime outraced Cunningham, Venzke Bonthron, and Lash.

INDOOR SENSATION

Borican has been the sensation of the indoor track season. He has won 13 races and has been beaten only 3 times. The Rideout twins defeated him in the mile; he took second in a 600 yd. race which Beetham won, and 5th in a mile in which Cunningham, Venzke Fenske, and Sam Roman beat him to the tape. He has never been defeated at 880 yds. or 800 meters either on an outdoor or an indoor track. He defeated Howard Borck in the 1000 yd. run at the Chicago Relays last week.



JOHN BORICAN

Although the Shore Athletic Club star's monopoly of the sport world's limelight is comparatively recent, he has to his credit a splendid collegiate record. At Temple in 1930, he broke the intercollegiate 3-½ mile cross-country record in the magnificent time of 15 min. 57.2 sec.—a record which still stands.

At Virginia State College he won 14 races varying in type from the 100 yd. hurdles to the 2 mile and was beaten only twice, both times and on the same day by Lipscomb of Hampton Institute in the mile and in the 2 mile. He still speaks of Lipscomb with respect and is convinced that lanky Ed would have been a great miler, if he had continued to run.

WON 42 RACES

Since participation in his last C. I. A. A. track meet in 1938, Borican has won 42 races outdoors and has suffered defeat 8 times. He has never met John Woodruff and is anxious to match strides with the Pittsburgh Olympic star in an 880 yd. race on an outdoor track.

The Dartmouth record-breaking

Prefers To Talk of Art; Popular With Spectators

run is the peak of John's career. Yet he is not satisfied. He was shooting for a mark at least a full second lower than his present record. His first quarter of a mile was a blistering 52.2, but his second quarter was slower, 57.6 sec., and a great part of this lapse in pace was unquestionably due to the fact that the Dartmouth handicap runners did not continue running strongly long enough. Borican wants another opportunity to race upon the fast Dartmouth track and promises better results.

When asked about his plans for the Olympics, Borican smiled and said they were too far off to talk about. He did state that he intended to concentrate on the 400 meter hurdles and 1500 meter run in preparation for the National Championships and the Olympic tryouts. For this summer's outdoor season, he will probably participate in the mile and in the 1000.

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Above all there is the famous Borican smile—broad and infectious. It made a great hit with the Dartmouth students, and his fund of good humor and wit, particularly captivated those who crowded around him in the David Field House, after the great excitement was over.

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Sharp criticism and derision was aroused by McHugh's declaration, because he failed to call why. He has been starting races for thirty years and knew he was wrong—and admitted it.

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Borican Denies All

McHugh will be censured for not calling back the field with a second shot from his gun. The ironical part of it is, Borican did not need to beat the gun, if indeed he did. He would have broken the record, anyhow.

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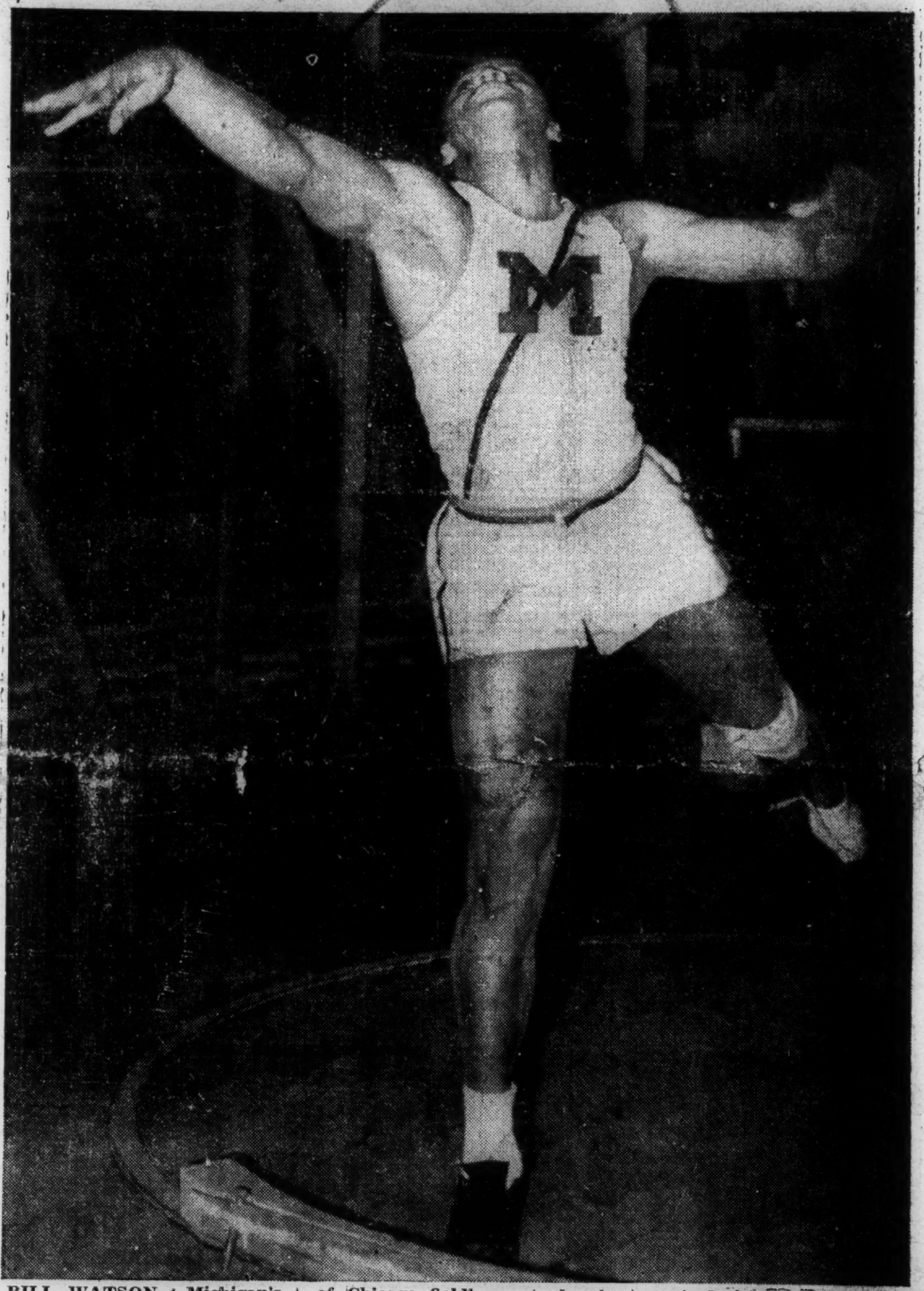

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The case of George Gregory for instance—former captain of Columbia university's greatest basketball team. Gregory was subjected to the most cruel "beatings" on the floor of the gym whenever he took the court with his team. Insults were hurled at him from the galleries when he was the only Negro on the floor. Usually George came through with flying colors. Controlling his temper and playing the game won for him the admiration and respect of all the natrons

Another basketballer who suffers from association is indicated in the case of Dolly King, another star in his own right. When Dolly went to Long Island university, it was on a scholarship. He had caught the eye of Clair Bee, one of the best basketball coaches in the country and a man whose racial attitude amounts to liberalism in the highest degree. But Dolly let his popularity get him—and failed to make the grade in scholastic standings. To his everlasting credit, he didn't put the blame for not appearing with the team on anyone but himself—went to his books, reinstated himself and when he came back with the team found that his teammates for some reason or other didn't consider him a member of the squad and refused to pass the ball to him, even in championship games. Dolly, however, took care of this situation and when the going got tough proved that he was a ball player and largely through his efforts carried the team on to an undefeated season at the Garden. Later in the A. A. U. tournament at Saratoga, he won several medals for his brilliance of play and for his worth to the entire team. Yet, in one instance, Coach Bee yielded to the importunities of a southern school and kept his colored ace on the bench.

On the track, Ben Johnson, Columbia's track captain and immortal, had difficulty at the school. He was made captain of the team only at the insistence of the powers that be because of his brilliant work which brought Columbia fame. Johnson can tell many tales which would quail the average athlete. But in his last years at the New York institution he compelled his teammates and school mates to respect him and won their affection—which he retains to this day.

In football, Ray Vaughan, greatest quick kicker Colgate university ever had, best fullback in a decade at that institution, felt the humiliating sting when his team played against some of the southern institutions. Right in Baltimore, when Colgate lost to Navy by a close score, it was Vaughan's particular play that let Navy get the ball from Vaughan's understudy. A sure touchdown, but Ray was sitting on the sidelines watching. The coach had handed him some expense money and told him to take it easy and look the town over.

At New York university last year, Dr. Mal Stevens early in the season predicted a brilliant season for Ed Williams, the 218-lb. battering ram of the Violet's backfield. What happened? Ed quit the team in disgust. His teammates made him do it—not that Ed isn't a game guy but it was so obvious that they were using him—he felt it and just gave up. Whenever the team was in the middle of the gridiron and yardage was needed, Ed carried the ball. Time after time he crushed through the opposition for the precious gains which netted first downs. But when the Violets were in a scoring position, who took the ball over the last stripe? Not Ed, you may be sure, but one of the favored sons on the team thereby adding laurels to the youngster and giving him an honored place in the season's scoring record.

What end coach at what university said a "Negro would have to be three times as good as the best white aspirant" before the Negro won the job at end for his school?

What was wrong with Ozzie Simmons at Iowa? What did Brud Holland have to contend with when he was romping for Cornell? And everyone vows that Brud is not only a gentleman but a whale of a football player. And Jefferson at Northwestern?

And in the Golden Gloves boxing contests in liberal New York? Why did Bill Miller, former trainer for Tiger Flowers, Al Brown and Kid Chocolate, raise a duckus with one of the promoters of this nationally known event? And what happened to the crop of heavyweights who tried to enter the tournament?

No, colored athletes in competition with whites do not have any difficulty at all. They are welcomed with open arms (says you) and receive the finest treatment in the world. Yet when one of them bucks the system, word is quietly passed around among the white coaches and the old system is against him, thumbs down in every way.

Yet, they do come back even after they make mistakes. A shining example is Ed Gordon, former star at Iowa. Gordon came to N. Y. and took the city by storm. Later, the city took him and Ed was down and on the way out. A fortunate turn for Ed brought him to his senses and now he is happily married and has won back his position and still competes actively and powerfully in his favorite sport, broad jumping. Not only that, Ed is in the running events and takes part in plenty of meets under the sponsorship of one of New York's best groups.

Negro Jockies Ride In Kentucky Derby

Many Riders Have Performed In Famous Classic; Last in '35

(Courtesy of the Washington Tribune)

H. P. McGrath's colt, Aristides, won the first Kentucky Derby, run in 1875, with the colored jockey, Oliver Lewis, swinging the reins on him like a master craftsman. Behind Aristides was the mighty horse, Ten Broeck. The last appearance for a colored jockey to ride in this world-famous race was in 1935 when a chap by the name of Price was delegated to ride the Detroit-owned horse, McCarthy. However, before the running time of the race Price ran afoul of the racing stewards.

Murphy Won Three

In between such outstanding colored jockeys as Isaac Murphy, Uncle Billy Walker, G. Lewis, Babe Hurd, E. Henderson, Lonnie Clayton, Soup Perkins, Jimmy Winkfield and Willie Sims have stood in the winning circle at Churchill Downs on Derby Day.

Murphy won three Kentucky Derbies, held this record until late years when he was equalled by Earle Sande.

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In 1911 the colored-owned horse, Coltson, named after the famous colored trainer, Raleigh Coltson, finished third in the Derby. He was ridden by the colored jockey, "Long Shot" Jess Conley, and if he could have won the race colored fans stood to win $250,000. However, he was beaten by two sterling colts, Meridan and Gov. Gray.

One to Remember

There is one Derby race which looms bright in the memory of old race track followers. It occurred at the turn of the century, 1902 to be exact. Major T. C. McDowell, Kentucky, started a colt. Alan-A-Dale and a stable-mate, Rival, against the crack colt from Tennessee, Abe Frank. The despised colt, Inventor, was also a starter.

Abe Frank was quoted 3-5 because of his astounding form at Memphis. Inventor was an outsider in the betting quoted at 10-1, and was given only a scant chance to capture the laurels.

It was the 28th Derby, and was run May 4. The weight then carried by all colts was 117 pounds, and the cash prize was $4,850, very small in comparison to the present day sum.

With the track fast, here is a skeleton sheet of the race:

"They're off!" shouted the crowd as Rival broke in front. But he soon dropped back to last place as Alan-A-Dale went right to the front at the quarter, leading his field by four lengths, with Abe Franklin second.

Jimmy Winkfield, astride Alan-A-Dale, sent his mount along as though it was a three-quarter mile dash instead of a Derby race. He raced the half in 48. and had his field struggling behind.

In the run home, Abe Frank dropped out, and Inventor, benefitted by the killing pace, was closing like a house on fire. However, Winkfield was master of the situation, riding hands and heels to win by a scant neck. The time was 2:08 3-4.

And what a finish! The winning colt was dead lame after the race.

Cornell Star Will Assist Head Coach Manuel Rivero As Forward Wall Mentor

By ED R. HARRIS

Jerome "Brud" Holland, Cornell's All-American gridiron end, will take on new duties next fall as assistant coach at Lincoln University.

The announcement of the acquisition of the brilliant Ithaca lineman was made to students of the university last Thursday.

The official announcement bears out an exclusive story written by this writer and printed in the TRIBUNE December 29, 1938, in which the signing up of Holland was predicted.

However, at that time University officials saw fit to deny that any move had been made to interest Holland in a coaching job.

According to Head Coach Manuel Rivero, Holland was one of three spectacular college men contacted by the university in an effort to find a man to replace Dr. Waymon Coston, former assistant, who is planning to go into active medical practice this year.

The other two stars were Bernard Jefferson of Northwestern and Herman Bell of Minnesota. However, neither of these two men showed any inclination to make further talks with the University.

Now A Lion

BRUD HOLLAND

At the time negotiations started Jefferson no doubt had been favorably contacted by A. and T. at Greensboro, N. C., where his appointment to the coach's job has created a furore. The student body at the latter school has actively resented the dismissal of former coach Inman Breaux and created quite a bit of commotion when it was announced.

Bell was headed for a job at Florida A. and M. where his older brother, Bill, formerly of Ohio State, was already head coach.

First real talks with Holland began during the early winter months when Coach Rivero contacted him in New York following a basketball game between Lincoln and Morgan.

Subsequent to this Rivero saw the Cornell varsity man three times, each time with greater success.

However, negotiations dragged over a period of weeks and finally Holland asked that he be given until May 20 to make up his mind as to what he would want to do.

This was granted him and no further moves took place. Last week he wrote Dr. W. L. Wright, president of Lincoln, and accepted the offer of the University.

Holland has never seen the college at which he will be coach and will probably not make a trip down this way until late summer. He plans to study at the Cornell summer school and resume studies in the fall at the University of Pennsylvania, in pursuit of a master's degree.

He will also be instructor in education at Lincoln.

He will fill in as line coach, a department which is increasingly a problem at Lincoln. Most of the freshmen that were expected to rebuild the Lion's football status were backfield men and several times during the season games might have been won had the line been as good as the backfield.

It will be Holland's job to refurnish the line and it won't be an easy one. No first year is a cinch for any coach and the mettle of the newcomer will be sorely tried before football season is over. However, with the brilliant background that he possesses university officials feel that Holland will be able to fill the bill.

Unofficial alumni sources, delighted with the acquisition of Holland but still determined to do everything possible to revive the lagging spirits of the school, have intimated that if Coach Breaux is still without a position when the fall comes around that an attempt will be made to raise funds to bring him to Lincoln during the course of the season. His experience and knowledge would be a valuable addition to the coaching staff. However, it is more than probable that Breaux, with his excellent record, will be well fixed by time the fall semester starts.

Nation's No. 1

KENNY WASHINGTON

As he stepped out of the shower after starring for U.C.L.A. in its hectic 0-0 tie with the Nation's No. 1 Southern California Trojans last Saturday. When he left the game 15 seconds before the end of the contest and his last collegiate gridiron appearance he got a terrific ovation from the 103,000 fans. He wound up three great years by sparking Underdog Bruins again And his gains from running and passing made him the nation's No. 1 ground gainer of 1939.

Kenny rushed the ball for a net gain of 40 yards and threw for a net gain of 61 yards. The aggregate of 101 yrds boosted his season total to 1380 yards. This eclipsed Tommy Harmon of Michigan, whose 1356 yards were top until then.

FAY YOUNG'S ALL-AMERICANS

First Eleven

Defender 12-30-39 Chicago, Ill.

Ends——JAMES BREWER, Virginia State
LEROSS ROOKER, Morris Brown (Co-Capt.)
Tackles——JOHN MONTGOMERY, Prairie View
PRINCE STREET, Langston
Guards——WILLIAM SCHNEBLY, Wilberforce
HOLMAN SAWYER, Alabama State
Center——PETE GRIFFIN, Florida
Quarterback—LAMAR ALLEN, Arkansas (Co-Captain)
Halfbacks——BILL GAYLES, Langston
STANLEY STRACHAN, Florida
Fullback——RAYMOND HILL, Southern

2nd Eleven

ENDS
Frank Slider....Prairie View
Bell ..... Wilberforce
TACKLES
Neely ..... Florida
Swain ..... Langston
GUARDS
Adrain (C) .... Wilberforce
Walker ..... Southern
CENTER
Bailey ..... Kentucky
QUARTERBACK
Rogers ..... Kentucky
HALFBACKS
Britt ..... Langston
Griffen ..... Hampton
FULLBACK
Lampkins ..... Bluefield

3rd Eleven

ENDS
Ellerbe ..... Tuskegee
Plummer .... Lincoln (Mo.)
TACKLES
Aldridge ..... Langston
Moton ..... Hampton
GUARDS
Jackson ..... Wiley
Ward ..... Morehouse
CENTER
Upchurch ..... Wiley
QUARTERBACK
Butler ..... Florida
HALFBACKS
Mills ..... Xavier
Roman ..... Lincoln (Pa.)
FULLBACK
Umphrey ..... Tenn. State

Won't Accompany His Mates—

Montgomery 'Decides' To Stay Out Of Texas

By MABEL

BOSTON, Dec. 29.—Lou Montgomery, star backfield ace of Boston college's 1939 eleven, has decided not to accompany his mates to Dallas where Boston college meets Clemson college in the Cotton bowl. The decision came in the midst of an uproar and wave of adverse criticism from Boston college which bowed to the demand of the South Carolina college that Boston college not play Montgomery and that Montgomery not appear on the field in uniform.

The local as well as New York sport writers and columnists had "hopped" on Boston college for its apparent stand. However, Boston college was guilty of drawing the color line on Montgomery on two previous occasions this fall, once against Florida university on Oct. 14, and again against Auburn Polytechnic of Auburn, Ga., on Nov. 4. Both games were played in Boston.

Many of both races believe Montgomery ought to have turned in his uniform because of the actions of the Catholic coach. At Boston university, Thomas, a star player in the backfield, was benched when that school played a southern team—and that game like the two in which Montgomery did not play—was played in Boston, the so-called cradle of liberty.

Makes Own Decision

In a letter to local friends which appeared in a glaring headlined-front page story in the Boston Post, December 19, Montgomery is quoted as saying that his decision not to accompany the Boston college eleven to Dallas to play Clemson college of South Carolina, was entirely that of "my family and myself."

"If I could play in the game and go about socially down there as I have all through high school and college days; in other words be free to be myself, I would love to go," Montgomery is quoted as saying by the Boston Post.

"To go down there," the letter said, "under restrictions and possibly run into some embarrassing situations, that would be plain silly. Surely no one with any self-respect would place himself and his teammates in that position knowingly.

"To this day I remember and always will, Father Sullivan saying to me, 'Lou, whether you enroll at Boston college or not, you should always remember you owe a two-fold debt, one to your mother and one to your people. Be true to both of them.'

"Today, may I say without the slightest bitterness, I feel I am cancelling part of that debt by not making the trip . . ."

Montgomery was born in Brockton, Mass. He is 19. He is a brilliant broken field running halfback and is the sparkplug of the Boston college team. He will be a senior next year.

Boston college, only once defeated this year and jubilant over its football success under her new coach, Frank Leahy, was over-eager to land a game this season. The Clemson game was sought and Boston college's officials expressed pleasure over their success in landing the southern team rather than a northern team, with one newspaper here implying that Montgomery was also overjoyed at this result.

The Post, on the same day of the publication of Montgomery's letter, printed my own letter of protest aginst "Boston's acceptance of un-Americanism."

Race Athletes Cited

Boston College Colored Star's Case Unlike That Of LIU Ace

WASHINGTON—(By Al White for ANP)—The plight of the Negro college athlete is a sad one indeed.

Take the case of Lou Montgomery, steller Negro halfback for the amazing Boston college team—the latest victim of the pernicious color-line phobia which rises to plague athletes who do their best for dear alma mater.

Press dispatches on Saturday boldly announced that "Boston college will bench their Negro halfback, Lou Montgomery, for the third time this season when they play Clemson college in New Year's Day Cotton Bowl."

PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Curtis Sandord, president of the Cotton Bowl A. A., had this to say:

"In view of the general attitude towards Negroes in Texas, it was deemed advisable that Montgomery refrain from playing. We conferred with Boston college officials and Montgomery will come to Texas with the team, but will not play."

Perhaps Montgomery will enjoy the train ride and enjoy serving as a stooge in order to have his teammates perfect their plays to use against Clemson, but this will be no novelty to Montgomery. He was not permitted to play against Florida or Auburn universities, either. Who is the loser you may well ask?

DOLLY KING "HOT"

And again, the case of Bill "Dolly" King will come to the fore this season once more when Clair Bee's Long Island university Blackbirds take on some of the Southern institutions of higher education at basketball.

Saturday night, Dolly was the difference between a win or a loss when Long Island met the powerful Oregon "Webfeet" at Madison Square garden, defeating them by one point, 56-55. Says the story of the Associated Press:

"Coming from behind a 14 point deficit in the last 17 minutes of regulation time, the Blackbirds tied the score at 50-all on Bill King's lay-up shot with 20 seconds to play.

DID IT SECOND TIME!

"Then with the Webfoots in front 55-54 on sharp shooting, in the overtime, King, mucular Negro veteran of the Blackbird courtsters, clicked again on a pivot back hand shot with only 40 seconds to go and that was the ball game."

Yet with all of their success practically hinging on Dolly, it is doubtful if his coach, Bee, will start him against some of the southern schools on Long Island's schedule.

WEIGHS 210

Only last week, a Negro weekly carrying King's picture and a story of his basketball prowess, erroneously said King weighed 175 pounds which was exactly 35 pounds out of the way, Mr. King tipping the scales at 210 and still growing.

During the last basketball season, Bee kept Dolly on the sideline when playing one of our better southern schools and nearly participated a riot among the student body. In fact, they demanded that Bee refuse to book games which would prevent Dolly from playing.

Yet when all is said and done, it has been done from the first days that Negroes began playing on white teams. They are very valuable cogs in the machine, but coaches would rather risk a loss when facing one of the schools from below the Mason-Dixon line than offend that particular school. Some coaches have had the temerity to force the issue and cancel games, rather than have their stars who happened to be of a color other than white, offended or to have the team play without them. But these coaches are almost as extinct as that cross-word puzzle bird, the dodo. And as the athletic world progresses and moves forward, the frequency of these discriminations grows. What is the ultimate answer to a situation which must be awfully embarrassing to both coach and player?

Boston College Leaves for Dallas To Cheers of 5,000 Well-Wishers

Eagles Reach Full Strength for Cotton Bowl Football Game With Clemson as Lukachik Quits Sick List—All-Stars Work Out

By The As

BOSTON, Dec. 26—A jubilant confident band of Boston College football players clicked over the rails in their Cotton Bowl special tonight toward Dallas, Texas, and a rendezvous with South Carolina's Clemson College Tigers on New Year's Day.

The Eagles were cautious, mindful of the simple statement by Head Coach Frank Leahy: "We're not taking anybody for the ride. We expect the stiffest competition and will need plenty of replacements."

A cheering, singing throng of nearly 5,000 students, alumni, faculty and sidewalk superintendents braved 20-degree cold to crowd Boston's South Terminal.

Montgomery Is Cheered

Some of the lustiest cheers and firmest handclasps were for Lou Montgomery, stellar Negro halfback, who withdrew from the trip voluntarily.

The crowd overflowed the concourse in the train shed and the special was moved forward to open standing room on the rails behind the rear car.

As Mayor Maurice J. Tobin made a brief speech, predicting an Eagle victory, the press became so great that trainmen had difficulty disPatching the crack Yankee Clipper a New York express, which stood two tracks away.

Coach Leahy swung aboard only a few minutes before the train pulled out. As it left, a group of players bombarded the crowd with tufts of cotton.

Singing Lingers On

Long after the train had disappeared along the shiny, cold rails toward the sunny Southland, knots of rooters still stood cheering and singing.

Aboard, in addition to the regular food supplies, were 400 gallons of Boston water to insure against any upset of condition.

The first stop will be an eight-hour layover tomorrow in St. Louis, where Leahy intends to put the boys through a snappy scrimmage to overcome a lack of contact work during the past week when several players suffered grippe. The last on the sick list to recover was Alex Lukachik, place-kicking end, who spent yesterday in bed, but arose today to entrain with his mates.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26 (AP)—Eastern and Western football stars, preparing for the annual charity game on New Year's Day, practiced in a drizzling rain today.

Ben Kish of Towanda, N. Y., 200-pound quarterback from the University of Pittsburgh, suffered a foot injury and remained on the sidelines. Clyde (Bulldog) Turner, Hardin-Simmons center, nursed a charley horse, suffered in a short scrimmage.

The West went through two scrimmage drills against a pick-up squad.

Eastern coaches experimented with the following backfields:

A—Quarterback, Steve Sitko, Notre Dame; left half, George Stirnweiss, North Carolina, and Dick Cassiano, Pittsburgh; right half, George McAfee, Duke; fullback, Ed Boell, New York University.

B—Quarterback, Sitko; left half, Ronnie Cahill, Holy Cross; right half, Lou Brock, Purdue; fullback, John McLaughry, Brown University.

North and South Teams Drill

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 26 (AP)—Forty-four young men, chosen from the cream of the nation's senior football stars, splashed through workouts today in preparation for Montgomery's Blue and Gray gridiron classic on Saturday.

After morning "skull" practices indoors, rival North and South coaches called their charges out into a cold drizzle this afternoon. Plays on both sides continued to feature passes and deception. Pow-

of plunges were worked in occasionally.

Coaches Carl Snavely of Cornell and Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern, working with the club chosen from the upper side of the Mason-Dixon Line, viewed their 1939 charges as "better balanced and faster" than the men who subdued the South, 7—0, a year ago.

Meanwhile, Ray Morrison of Vanderbilt and Josh Cody of Florida viewed their twenty-two Rebels as "something of a coach's dream," combining power and speed.

A forecast of "partly cloudy tomorrow" was welcomed by coaches and players alike. Of the four days since their arrival the football stars have had two of rain.

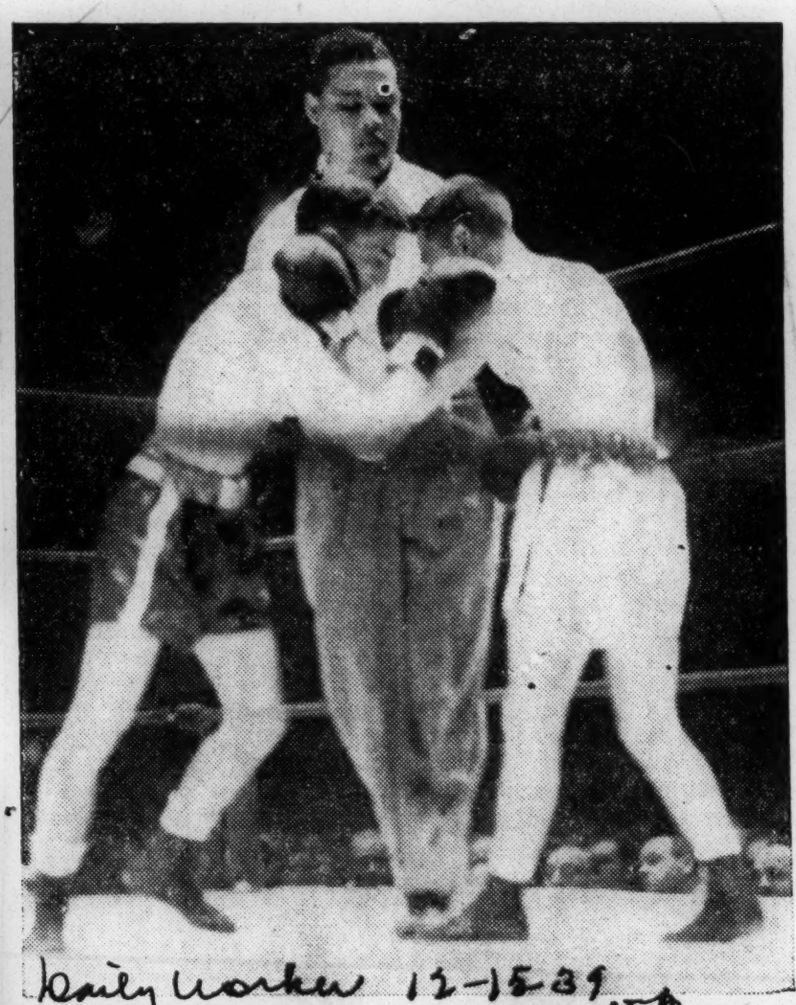
SPORTS- 1939

Two Champions Under Boxing Officials' Censure

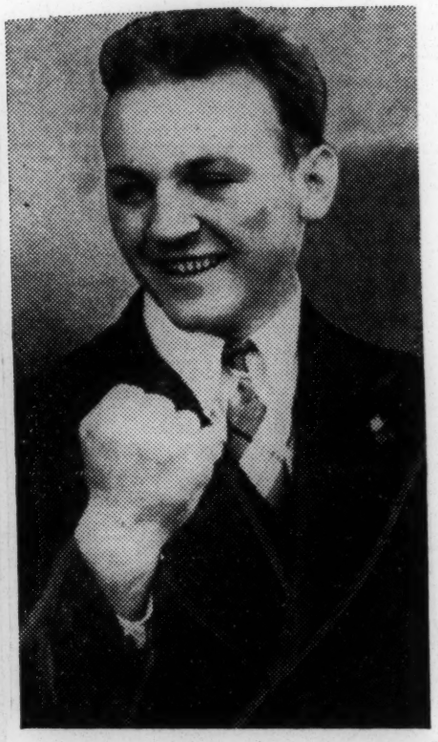
Henry Armstrong, welterweight titleholder, who faces disciplinary action by the New York boxing commission for fighting Jimmy Garrison in Cleveland after failing to go thru with a bout against Lou Ambers. Chairman D. Walker Wear announced that he would recommend suspension.

[Associated Press Wirephoto]

JOE LOUIS AS REFEREE



The world's heavyweight champ was the third man in the ring Monday night at the Garden for the Diamond Belt amateur bouts Here he is breaking a couple of 118 pounders.



Al Hostak, who drew the censure of the National Boxing association by fighting Eric Seelig. The N. B. A. refused to recognize it as a middleweight title bout, stating that Seelig was not a suitable opponent.

BIRTHDAY WIN IS REGISTERED BY ARMSTRONG

Henry Knocks Out Garrison; Al Hostak Flattens Seelig

By Larry Hauck
(The Associated Press)

Cleveland, Dec. 12.—Today was Henry Armstrong's 27th birthday and the world's welterweight boxing champion had something to celebrate.

Monday night Henry returned to the form that won him his big following and the nickname "Hammerin' Hank," as he pounded Jimmy Garrison of Kansas City to the floor in the seventh round for a technical knockout.

Celebrating without a birthday was Al Hostak, the Seattle slugger, who retained his world's middleweight crown by flattening Eric Seelig of New York in the first round.

The Armstrong and Hostak bouts topped the 14th annual Cleveland News Christmas show that attracted 10,988 fans, grossed $28,579 and dumped approximately $10,000 into a toyshop fund.

Garrison held Armstrong fairly even in the first two rounds of their scheduled 10-round title bout with jabbing lefts. But the negro titlist, who called off a championship bout in New York with Lou Ambers on December 1 because of a cold, seemed to warm up after that and gave the Missourian a bad beating.

By the sixth, he had drawn blood from both Garrison's eyes. In the seventh he dropped Jimmy with a right for a nine count and then waded in with both hands as Garrison arose. Jimmy went down again and Referee Benny Leonard said "enough."

After the bout Leonard, former lightweight champion, said:

"Tonight Henry looked like the Armstrong of old, the boy that had New York talking a year or so ago. That rest did him a world of good. He's definitely back on top."

Said Armstrong: "It took a couple of rounds to work out the rest of that cold. The right that floored Garrison was as good a punch as I've ever thrown."

"He's (Armstrong) the greatest fighter in the world," Garrison, never before knocked out, declared.

Armstrong weighed 138¾ and Garrison 141.

Hostak, the National Boxing Association champion, made his first appearance east of the Mississippi an impressive one by knocking out Seelig in 1:21 of their scheduled 15-rounder. He blasted Eric to the canvas for nine with a left hook to the jaw and then down for keeps with a flurry of rights and lefts.

In the dressing room, Seelig termed the Westerner "the hardest puncher I ever faced."

Hostak limbered up a slightly swollen left hand and said boyishly: "His jaw sure was tough."

Hostak weighed 159 and Seelig 160.

U.C.L.A. PLAYER LEADS NATION AS ADVANCER

Ken Washington Wins First Place As Gainer In Football Race

BY GAIL FOWLER

SEATTLE—(AP)—It's so close there probably will be a recount, but Kenny Washington, the great Negro halfback from the University of California at Los Angeles, ranks today as the nation's leading gridiron ground gainer of 1939.

Washington's sterling performance against Southern California last week sent him from third to first place just a scant nine yards ahead of Tom Harmon, of Michigan, who in turn is just 14 yards ahead of Kay Eakin, of Arkansas.

The blanket finish means a thorough recount, the American Football Statistical Bureau, which compiled the figures, announced. The recheck will be made before the bureau announces its final, official figures.

Here are the figures for total offense—gains from both rushes and passes—of the three leaders:

Washington—In 10 games he carried the ball 170 times, passed 90 times for a total of 260 plays; he gained 828 yards rushing and 537 passing for a total of 1,365 yards.

Harmon—In eight games he carried the ball 129 times, passed 94 times for a total of 223 plays; he gained 868 yards rushing and 488 passing for a total of 1,356 yards.

Eakin—In 10 games he carried the ball 119 times and passed 193 times for a total of 312 plays; he gained 372 yards on the ground and 970 in the air for 1,342 yards.

The bureau rates the total offensive leaders on the number of yards gained. It compiles the average gain per game, but subordinates this classification in the rankings. This is the first year since the bureau started charting the gridders that the man with the highest yardage does not also hold the highest average per game.

For instance, Whizzer White led in both classifications in 1937 and Davey O'Brien topped both in 1938.

However, in 1939, Washington, Harmon and Eakin rank in that order in total yards gained, but Harmon and Washington trade places in average per game, Harmon leading with a 169.5 average and Washington second with 136.5. Eakin still ranks third with 134.2.

Others among the top 10 in total offense, with the number of yards gained are:

John Plunkett, Vanderbilt, 1,129; Grenville Lansdell, Southern California, 1,119; Johnny Kholia, Creighton, 1,104; Paul Christman, Missouri, 1,095; Jim Lalanne, North Carolina, 1,001; Nile Kinnick, Iowa, 998, and Harold Van Every, Minnesota, 984.

John Polanski, of Wake Forest, continued to lead the rushers with 882 yards, followed by Harmon, 868, and Washington, 828.

There were no changes among passing or punting leaders from last week.

UCLA Star Unanimously Selected By 664 White Boys Facing Him

Once Again Infallibility of Mythical Honor Teams Picked by Players Rather Than by Scribes, Etc. Is Established

By LUCIUS JONES
(SNS Sports Editor)

CHALK UP another point in favor of player-picked All-America elevens! Kenny Washing, sensational halfback of the University of California at Los Angeles, who, this year has done everything with the football but eat it, has finally received his just reserts. But it took an All-America derived from all-opponents' team selections to turn the trick.

Washington, in case you hadn't heard, is tailback on the Composite Liberty All-Players All-America Football Team as picked by 1,659 football players from 91 major colleges, representing 750 major football games.

ONLY UNANIMOUS CHOICE

The UCIA star was the only player of the 664 named as candidates for the team who received the vote of every player who opposed him. In other words, Kenny Washington was the only unanimous choice on the whole team.

The above fact proves that Nile Kinnick, the University of Iowa star, actually received the honors which, in all fairness, should have gone to Washington. As a matter of fact, the highly touted Mr. Kinnick, who, on popular votes of leading sports writers—and practically everything but rival players (who know better than anyone else)—ended up on an unenviable second team berth on the mythical honor eleven picked by rival players—far from an unanimous choice.

SAME STORY!

The case of Mr. Kinnick and Mr. Washington, in which the Negro star missed the highest football honor in the land through no fault of his own but the arratic methods of the bigwigs, has a counterpart in colored newspaper circles.

Henry (Hank) Butler of Florida failed to make an All-America team selected by Ches Washington, sports editor of the Pittsburgh COURIER, which is billed as "America's Best Weekly". Yet, a simultaneous straw vote conducted among players themselves (whereoin each man picked the eleven best men he opposed during the year) brought the amazing information that the selfsame Mr. Butler wa the UNANIMOUS CHOICE of th players against whom he played He was the only man to receiv such a rare honor and, consequently, earned the right to captain th mythical honor team and the distinction of being dubbed, "No. Football Player of the eYar".

PLAYERS PICKS BETTER

It is high time sparsely travelled sports scribes, free lance newspape correspondents, and pseudo foot ball experts got away from thei erratic behavior. It has been conclusively proved that the tean picked by rival players is the mos reliable guage extant for determ ing the game's true stars.

The Liberty All-Players All America first eleven is gven in th following paragraph. (Woodrow Wilson Strode and Jackie Robinson, two other colored UCLA stars received Honorable Mention).

PLAYER	SCHOOL	POSITION
David Rankin	Purdue	End
Nick Drahos	Cornell	Tackle
Ed Molinski	Tenn.	Guard
Cary Cox	Alabama	Center
Harry Smith	Sou. Cal.	Guard
Harley McCollum	Tulane	Tackle
Ken Kavanaugh	L.S.U.	End
Don Scott	O. State	Quarter
Kenny Washington	UCLA	Half

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Garden Barred Negro Girl From Tourney

By LESTER RODNEY

(Crusader News Service)

The Madison Square Garden Corporation, which misses no chance to make money on the athletic prowess of such Negro athletes as Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong and John Borrican, would not permit a girls' softball team representing the Police Athletic League to take part in its softball tournament because of the presence of three Negro girls on the team.

The Police Athletic League, sponsored by the Juvenile Aid Bureau of the Police Department of New York and aided by WPA Recreation Project personnel, entered its team in the tourney, promoted by Tom Lockhart of the Garden Corporation. The PAL devotes itself to providing organized recreation for needy youth regardless of race, color or creed. On April 18th postcards went out to girls to report on the 22nd for practice. Two days later, a printed notice from the central office of the project was sent to the recreation supervisors in charge advising them that the plans for the PAL team had been abandoned due to the "narrow attitude" of the Garden. Postcards were immediately dispatched to the girls telling them that plans for the team had been dropped.

An investigation by the Daily Worker of this city developed the fact that the PAL team had been barred when the Garden informed them that Negro girls were not wanted in the tournament.

The tournament began at the Garden on May 10th and will continue till the end of the month.

Ellerbe Pulls Tendon At Tuskegee Relays; Will Be Out Of Competition Indefinitely

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., May 13.—Mozelle Ellerbe, Penn Relays and Kansas State century champ this year and 1938 Drake Relays and National collegiate title holder in the 100 yard dash, was forced by Norman Holmes of Florida A. and M. College to the hilt, but came through like a true champion here in the Alumni Bowl this afternoon to win the classic event in 9.6 seconds in the thirteenth annual Tuskegee Relays.

Ellerbe's victory was costly to Tuskegee, however, as he pulled a muscle in his leg and will be inactive, as a result, for some time. His injury disrupted the crack mile relay team which placed third in the Class B section at the Penn Relays, no doubt, cost Tuskegee the coveted 30 inch sunray trophy awarded this year for the first time by the Atlanta Constitution.

Although 10 outstanding Southern colleges entered the meet, Tuskegee was the only one to win more than two events. Tuskegee captured the 100, the broad jump with Ernest Simms leaping 22 feet 1 1-2 inches; the shot put with Floyd Green of football fame tossing the sixteen-pound ball 43 feet, 8 inches; and tied for first place in the three-way fashion with Robert Canson matching the 11 feet, 6 inches by Sylvester Ealey of Tillotson College and John D. Lewis of Morehouse College .

In the high school division, Tuskegee High, largely through the efforts of her sensational prep miler, Fred Thomas, of New York, captured both the medley and the two mile relays, placed second in the mile relay, and fourth in the half mile relay. Tuskegee was also runner-up in the prep quarter mile relay.

Pursuing Ellerbe and Holmes in the century were Lee Tarrant of State Teachers College, Cybert Campbell of Xavier, and Thomas Lundy, also of State Teachers College, in that order.

State Teachers College had a big day with Theodore (Texas) Smith winning the 120 yard high hurdles, with his own teammate, John Foston, third, as well as capturing the two mile college relay (Joseph Hughes, Isaac Brunlage, Derrill Johnson, Sandy Reid) and tying for the high jump with Lee Tarrant and William Horton of Florida tied at 6 feet, 3 inches.

The summaries of the Thirteenth Annual Tuskegee Relays Carnival follow:

TRACK EVENTS

440 Yard College Relay: Won by Prairie View (Giles, Allinice, Simms, Pickett); State Teachers College, second; Wiley College, third; Lincoln University (Missouri), fourth; Tuskegee Institute, fifth. Time: 42 min. 4 sec.

880 Yard Relay: Won by Florida (Williams, Spears, Griffin, Holmes); State Teachers College, second; Wiley College, third. Time, 1 min. 28.6 sec.

1 Mile Relay: Won by Prairie View (Pickett, Batts, Sadberry, Allinice); Tuskegee, second; State Teachers College, third, Florida, fourth. Time 3 min. 20.9 sec.

Two-mile Relay: Won by State Teachers College (Brundage, Hughes, Johnson, Reid); Prairie View, second; Tuskegee, third. Time 8 min. 29.5 sec.

Four Mile Relay: Won by Xavier (Culp, Golden, Williams, Prescott); Tuskegee, second; State Teachers College, third. Time: 19 min. 11.7 sec.

SPECIAL EVENTS

100 Yard Dash: Won by Mozelle Ellerbe (Tuskegee); Norman Holmes, Florida, second; L. Tarrant, State Teachers College, third; Cybert Campbell, Xavier, fourth; Hershey Holmes, Morris Brown, fifth. Time 9.6.

High Jump: Two way tie for first place, Horton, Florida; Tarrant, State Teachers College. Height 6 ft. 3 in. Two way tie for second place, Stanley, Westfield High School, Birmingham; Farrell, State Teachers College.

Broad Jump: Won by Ernest Simms, Tuskegee, 22 ft. 1 1-2 in. George Mitchell, Morehouse, second; Willie J. Carter, Prairie View, third.

Pole Vault: Three way tie, Canson, Tuskegee; Lewis, Morehouse; Holmes, Tillotson. Height, 11 ft. 6 in. Carter, Prairie View, second.

400 Meter Hurdles: Won by Mitchell, Morehouse; Smith, State Teachers College, second; Hughes, third. Time: 56.6 sec.

16 Pound Shot Put: Won by Green, Tuskegee, 43 ft. 8 in.; Williams, Alcorn, second; Gee, Florida, third.

Discus Throw: Won by Williams, Alcorn, 127 ft. 3 3-4 in.; R. Gant, Florida, second Brown, Morris Brown, third; Ealy, Tillotson, fourth.

Javelin Throw: Won by Neely, Florida, 171 ft. 3 in.; Haines, Morehouse, second McBride, Tuskegee, third; Taylor, State Teachers College, fourth.

Moton Mile: Won by Culp, Xavier; Layton, Lincoln, second; Robinson, Fisk, third Lawson, Morris Brown, fourth. Time: min. 30.2 sec.

120 Yard High Hurdles: Won by Smi State Teachers College; Mitchell, Tillotso second; Foster, State Teachers Colle hird; Green, Tuskeege, fourth. Time: 15

Champs Repeat In CIAA Tennis

Duplicating their 1933 championship form, St. Augustine College, Raleigh, N. C., stormed through two days of court warfare to garner both titles of the 16th Annual CIAA Tennis Tournament. The tournament was staged at Howard University and found Hampton, Howard, Virginia Union, and St. Augustine waging spectacular fights for the coveted team honors.

Christopher Hunt, St. Augustine's defending singles champion, met little opposition as he captured his second successive conference crown. His repertoire of strokes was too much for the usually steady-playing Willie Watts of Johnson C. Smith University. The challenger finally bowed in straight sets 6-1, 6-3.

Teaming up in the doubles, the Hunt brothers, Christopher and Douglas, returned this crown to St. Augustine for the second successive year. They trounced the Hampton doubles team of Walter Wright and William Thomas in straight sets 6-2, 6-3.

Howard University, the host school, made strong bid for team honors on the first day, placing two teams in the semi-finals of the doubles and one man in the semi-finals of the singles. But the Bison representatives met tartars in the closing rounds and were eliminated.

Willie Watts of Johnson C. Smith, although soundly trounced in the finals, impressed the gallery with his steadiness under fire. Howard's Maurice Jackson showed great promise in his first tournament and will develop into a definite threat with more experience. William Thomas, Hampton, demonstrated good all around form that stamps him as a coming star in conference circles.

Ted Thompson, former National Negro Singles Champion, made the drawings for the tournament at the Howard gymnasium. Dr. Elwood Downing American Tennis Association official awarded the prizes to the respective winners in the tournament.

Team points were distributed as follows: St. Augustine, 10; Howard, 9; Virginia Union, 8; Hampton, 7; Johnson C. Smith, 4; Shaw, 2; North Carolina A. and T., 2; St. Paul, 2; Lincoln defaulted and Virginia State defaulted.

Individual ratings for the singles for 1939 are: 1, Christopher Hunt, St. Augustine; 2, William Watts, J. C. Smith; 3, William Thomas, Hampton; 4, Maurice Jackson, Howard; 5, George Marshall, Shaw; 6, Ben. Layten, Virginia Union; 7, C. Givings, Virginia Union; 8, Walter Wright, Hampton; 9, Rayfield Lundy, Howard; 10, James Haith, A. and T.

Ratings for the 1939 doubles are: 1, C. Hunt and D. Hunt, St. Augustine; 2, W. Thomas and W. Wright, Hampton; 3, W. Parks and N. Spaulding, Howard; 4, M. Jackson and R. Lundy, Howard; 5, C. Givings and B. Layton, Virginia Union; 6, Bouey and Dillard, Virginia Union; 7, J. Smith and J. Wright, St. Paul; 8, Gaitor and Brocco, St. Augustine; 9, Hamilton and Robinson, Hampton; 10, W. Oliver and Lee, J. C. Smith.

JESSE OWENS A BANKRUPT

Olympic Sprinter Tried Many Ventures in Cleveland

CLEVELAND, May 5 (AP).—James Cleveland (Jesse) Owens lost a race to the bill collector today.

The fleet Cleveland Negro, who won three events for the United States in the 1936 Olympics, filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition listing assets of $2,050 and liabilities of $8,891.

Meanwhile, Attorney Ben P. Rabb said he was drawing up a foreclosure action on the home Owens paid $6,500 for in 1936, when internal revenue agents computed his income at $20,000.

The former Ohio State University track star has sprinted from job to job since he turned professional after the Olympics. Some of them were:

Speechmaking for the Republican party on behalf of Governor Landon in the 1936 campaign; exhibition runner against horses and humans; leader of a dance orchestra; leader of a touring basketball team; stage performer; a city playground director; WPA official in Cleveland's Parks Department; proprietor of his own dry cleaning shop, and now a salesman for a New York distilling corporation.

The Jesse Owens dry cleaning shop, which opened last August, folded several months ago.

WINNER: In England last week a 26-year-old American boxer was training for a title bout. **Henry Armstrong**, who last year achieved the unprecedented distinction of being simultaneously featherweight, welterweight and lightweight champion, was staking his welterweight crown on a forthcoming match with Ernie Roderick. The featherweight title had already been relinquished voluntarily by the American Negro. English sportsmen agreed that, even if Armstrong lost his bout, he had won a prominent place in English sporting annals.

When Armstrong arrived in England last month with his wife and daughter he impressed sportsmen with his general knowledge and broad interests. At an honorary dinner he told of his rise from East St. Louis and a high school education to a boxing kingdom. He discussed poetry he had written. His English hosts ended by electing him to honorary membership in the exclusive National Sporting Club. The election broke a rule against Negro members.

WOODRUFF'S SPEED FEATURE OF RELAYS

Pitt Star Returned to Hea of Athletic Parade With Triumphs at Penn

MAY GO AFTER NEW MARK

World Record Predicted if He Agrees to Race Against Borican on June 17

By ARTHUR J. DALEY

Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES.

PHILADELPHIA, April 30.—The star of the indoor season was John Borican. Almost completely forgotten as Borican burned up the boards at the half-mile and kindred distances was another phenomenon, John Woodruff. But Ol' John came bouncing back to the head of the parade at the Penn Relays and demonstrated once again that he really is one of the greatest runners of all time.

As the Olympic 800-meter champion anchored Pitt to three of the four relay championships that the Panthers captured, three men watched him operate with covetous eyes. They were Asa Bunshnell, Ken Fairman and Matty Geis, the board of strategy for the annual Princeton Invitation Meet on June 17. The three gentlemen from Tigertown have their hearts set on matching Woodruff and Borican at a half-mile.

The chief hitch is a conflict between the Princeton meet and the National Collegiate A. A. championships. Ol' John is the defending 880-yard titleholder in the N. C. A. A. show and it's up to Messrs. Bushnell, Fairman and Geis to convince Woodruff that setting a new world record is to be preferred to winning a mere championship.

Speed Versus Speed

A Woodruff-Borican meeting on top of the Wooderson-Cunningham mile battle would make the Princeton meet the most attractive affair that this country ever has had. Predicting records always is a risky business, but it seems almost a physical impossibility for two half-milers of such overwhelming speed to match strides and not have something like 1:48 evolve from it.

Perhaps this correspondent is a bit prejudiced because O' John comes pretty close to being his favorite runner, for he would be inclined to pick Woodruff when, as and if the race is arranged. For one th g, no one has beaten the Pitt I o outdoors at a half since he astounded the world by becoming the first American to win the Olympic 800 championship in twenty-four years.

Furthermore, no one has pressed him. Ol' John just ambles along in his quiet way without an expression on his boyish face. The rippling power in his long, lean frame reaches out faster and faster, so imperceptibly that one never discovers he is sprinting until the opposition begins to fade.

Borican is just the type of runner who might make Woodruff really let go with all he has. Certainly in the past three years the Pitt Negro could have had a record had he not shown such disdain for it by running only to win. This time he might have to. Both of them prefer to get out in front, an ideal set-up for a record try. So the plea to the three Princetonians is that they go after Woodruff and bring him back alive.

Rams a Disappointment

Dug from the cinders: Biggest disappointment of the Penn Relays was Fordham, which failed to figure in the three races where it had been considered as a top contender. . . . Bill Watson of Michigan will seek a place on the Olympic decathlon team if he undergoes an operation on his trick knee. . . . Otherwise he'll try for a shot-put berth. . . . The Wolverine Negro has tossed the shot 54 feet, thrown the discus 158 feet, broad jumped 25 feet and high jumped 6 feet 4 inchesa— grand start for a decathlon man.

One of the better relay legs of the two-day show was a 1:55 half mile by John Drebinger Jr .of Penn, son of the one-time sprint sensation of Staten Island. . . . If Princeton fails to arrange the Woodruff-Borican meeting it may come in the national A. A. U. championships at Lincoln, Neb., on July 3 and 4. . . . Officials in the rain on Friday were bundled under raincoats with Johnny McHugh setting a fashion style by wearing knee-length rubber boots.

Seton Hall won the freshman relay with two men who also ran on the varsity relay. . . . Mark down Mozel Ellerbee of Tuskegee as one of the top sprinters of the year. Absence of New York schoolboys fro mthe meet hardly noticed except by the boys themselves. . . . The Board of Regents ruling barring them from this and other meets should be rescinded at the first opportunitk. . . . Since Warren Breidenbach of Michigan started and finished fifteen yards behind Woodruff in the mile relay, he also must have run an0:47.4 quarter mile.

In seventeen events where comparisons are available, Penn Relays and Drake Relays each had top eprformances in eight events with one tied. At both places the achievements of the athletes were of an extraordinarily fine caliber. Here is the tabulation:

Event.	Penn.	Drake.
440-yard relay	0:42.3	0:41.8
880-yard relay	1:25.9	1:26.1
Mile relay	3:14.8	3:14.1
Two-mile relay	7:45	7:43.4
Four-mile relay	17:25.9	17:29.6
Sprint medley relay	3:25.8	3:25.1
Distance medley relay	10:11.5	10:14.6
Shuttle hurdles relay	1:01.5	1:01.5
100-yard dash	0:09.6	0:10
120-yard high hurdles	0:14.5	0:14.4
400-meter hurdles	0:55.1	0:53.5
Discus throw	163 ft. 4 in.	158.29 ft.
Shot-put	52 ft. 9¼ in.	51 ft. 3 in.
Broad jump	24 ft. 9¼ in.	24 ft. 9¾ in.
Javelin throw	207 ft. 3½ in.	202.04 ft.
Pole vault	13 ft. 9 in.	13 ft. 8 in.
High jump	6 ft. 4 in.	6 ft. 5⅝ in.

All-Negro Net Meet Set Thursday Night

An all-colored tennis program, with north stands reserved for white patrons, will be held Thursday night, starting at 7:30, at the Northside Tennis Club.

Sammy Lindsey, well known to Driving Club habitues, will meet his brother, Bennie, in a feature best two out of three sets match.

Edith Arnold, Morehouse student, and Marion Darrell, Morehouse teacher, will play a one-set match. Doubles between Sammy Lindsey and Marshall Arnold and Bennie Lindsey and Charles Clements will round out the evening program.

Drastic Action Is Taken

By FRANK A. YOUNG

INSTITUTE, W. Va., Dec. 22—The ninth annual session of the Mid-Western Athletic association convened at West Virginia State college here on Friday and Saturday. The Mid-Western officials association convened Saturday. Dr. John Davis, president of West Virginia State college and the school were host.

Tennessee State college of Nashville, long a disturbing factor in the organization, failed to send any delegates to this year's meeting and in answer to a telegram sent by the officials of the association responded in terms which showed lack of interest and the Mid-Western A. A. promptly voted to suspend them from the conference and all member teams were cautioned not to play the Nashville institution.

Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark was voted a member. Other members are Wilberforce university of Ohio, Lincoln university of Missouri Kentucky State college of Frankfork, Ky., West Virginia State college and Louisville Municipal college. The addition of Philander Smith makes the six-school circuit.

Dr. J. Aubrey Lane, Wilberforce university, retiring president was elected commissioner of the association succeeding Paul J. Moore, West Virginia State, who has served two years. Dr. R. B. Atwood, Kentucky State was elected president; George Robinson, Jr., Louisville, was elected vice president, succeeding M. J. Hardiman, Lincoln university. Theester Coleman, West Virginia State succeeded J. D. Stewart, Kentucky State as secretary-treasurer and George F. David, Jr., Wilberforce, was retained in office as assistant secretary-treasurer.

Associate commissioners elected were Milton G. Hardiman, Lincoln university and Henry S. Wilson, of Louisville.

The program included papers by Dr. Atwood, Dr. J. Aubrey Lane, reports by Commissioner Moore, J. D. Stewart, auditing committee, committee on track and tennis, boxing committee, committee on eligibility.

It was agreed that the association publish an annual bulletin.

J. D. Parks, one of the founders of the Missouri State Negro Interscholastic association and a track enthusiast as well as head of the art department of Lincoln university read a paper on the advancemen of track athletics in the conference and compared the work of our track program with that of white schools Eric Epps, physical director of Lincoln university read a paper on "track programs for the Mid-Western A. A."; Capt. James A. Nichols, Wilberforce university and field secretary of the American Tennis association, talked on "Intercollegiate Tennis Competition."

Dr. John Williams, Kentucky State college, acted as master of ceremonies at the evening session Friday night and Saturday night.

The association decided to enlarge on the scope of its track meet and the name may be changed to the Mid-West annual relays and an invitation extended to several outstanding high school relay teams to compete.

The absence of Coach Henry Arthur Kean, Kentucky State college, who remained home sick was keenly felt. It was announced that Mel Whedbee would take over the basketball coaching at Kentucky State during Mr. Kean's illness.

The following schools and representatives were present: Kentucky State, R. B. Atwood, John T. Williams, J. D. Stewart, Robert White; Wilberforce: Ike Lane, E. Champ Warrick, R. Pyrtle, George F. David, Jr., J. A. Nichols, Dr. J. Aubrey Lane; West Virginia: Paul J. Moore, Theester Coleman, A. P. Hamblin, B. L. Goode, Eloise Lemster; Lincoln university; Tom Miles, Ray Kemp, J. D. Parks, Eric Epps; Louisville Municipal: J. H. Lawrence G. F. Robinson. H. S. Wilson.

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SNS 1939 ALL-SOUTHERN FOOTBALL TEAM

First Eleven

PLAYER	POSITION	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	HOME	CLASS
Leross (All American) Rooker	End	Morris Brown	6'	171	Miami, Fla.	Senior
James (Jimmie) McDew	End	S. C. State	6'	180	Cleveland O.	Senior
Holman (Sure Death) Sawyer	Tackle	Alabama	5'11"	192	Piqua, O.	oph
Elmer (Chin) Henderson	Tackle	Le Moyne	5'11"	201	Chattanooga	Senior
Clifford (Little) Brown	Guard	Morris Brown	51'1"	180	Sidney, O.	Senior
Charles (Chuck) Dyles	Guard	Alabama	5'11"	170	Pittsburgh	Soph
Robert (Pete) Griffin	Center	Florida	6'1"	178	Columbus, O.	Senior
Henry (Hank) Butler	Back	Florida	5'11"	179	Columbus, O.	Senior
Thomas (Tommy) Mills	Back	Xavier	5'10"	160	Los Angeles	Soph
John (Big Train) Moody	Back	Morris Brown	5'9"	195	Freeport, Pa.	Soph
George S. (Stan) Strachan	Back	Florida	6"	186	Miami. Fla.	Senior

Second Eleven

PLAYER	POS.	SCHOOL	HT.	WT.	STATE	CLASS
Roy (End Around) Gamp	End	Florida	6'1"	186	Ohio	Soph
Gerald (Gerry) Brown	End	Morris Brown	6'1"	203	Ohio	Soph
Murray (Rock) Neely	Tackle	Florida	6'	195	Ohio	Senior
William (Milky) Williams	Tackle	Lane	6'1"	220	Tenn.	Senior
Allen (Chuck) Summers	Guard	Xavier	5'10"	185	Ill.	Junior
Timothy (Tim) Evans	Guard	Xavier	6'	198	Ark.	Senior
Daniel (Dad) Turner	Center	Xavier	6'1"	190	La.	Senior
Alvin (Marshy) Swartz	Back	Morehouse	6'1"	167	La.	Junior
Thomas (Barney) Greene	Back	Alabama	6'	191	Ohio	Frosh
Thomas (Tom) Jones	Back	Florida	5'8"	172	Ohio	Senior
Jack (Slippery) Gilmore	Back	Lane	6'	195	Wisconsin	Frosh

HONORABLE MENTION

1. ALABAMA—Roberts, Sullinger. Richardson, Pettiferde, E. Jones, Means, Foston. Cheatham, Lundy.
2. FLORIDA—Sutton. Mc Curdy. Harrison. Wil'iams, James.
3. XAVIER—Williamson, Mourning, Elliott, Carter, Farrow, Edmondson. Paxton.
4. MBC—Settles, Wysinger, Sheppard, Clarence Brown, English, George Walker, Joe Mitchell.
5. LANE—Poats, Shaw, Seals, Lake, Brown, Ewell, Perry. Hollowell, Davis.
6. MOREHOUSE—Blocker. Al Whatley, Hinton, Mac Bryde, Allen, Wilson, C. Jones, Evans, Anderson, Bubber Mitchell.
7. TUSKEGEE—Ellerbe, Slade, Frazier, Moore.
8. LE MOYNE—Nolan Brown, Pugh, Lockett, Wylie, W. Hall, W. Smith, Henry.
9. S. C. STATE—Delaine, Galloway, Woodard, Gordon, Harney, Gillon.
10. BENEDICT—Leroy (Po' Belly) Walker.
11. KNOXVILLE—Leo Hill, Kershaw, Brown, Benn, Searl Henderson, Madison.
12. CLARK—J. White, Barber, E. White, Harper, Lee.
13. FISK—Gaddy, Starks, Knox, Blackwell.
14. TALLADEGA—Harper. Powell.

Official Standing C.I.A.A.

(Dickerson Rating System)

First Division Teams

	W	L	T	P	Av.
Va. State	7	0	1	132.5	26.50
Bluefield	4	1	3	175	21.88
Smith	4	2	0	130	21.67
Lincoln	4	1	1	107.5	21.50
A. and T.	3	2	2	137.5	19.64
N. C. College	4	3	0	135	19.29
Hampton	3	1	1	132.5	18.93

Second Division Teams

	W	L	T	P	Av.
Morgan	2	3	2	120	17.14
Union	3	4	0	100	14.29
Shaw	3	5	0	110	13.75
St. Paul	2	6	0	100	12.50
Howard	0	6	0	60	10.00
St. Augustine	0	3	0	30	10.00

'Invincibles' Have Good Year; Results Much As Expected

BY FERD BROWNING
AP Feature Service Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Dec. 24—Two men reclining on their haunches provided the symbolic highlights of a sports year that was generally good for "invincible" champions.

Ernie Lombardi, sitting helplessly alongside home plate while the New York Yankees scored their final World Series runs, summed up in a gesture of dazed surrender the futility of opposing Joe McCarthy's murderous crew.

Joe Louis, set down hard by a grotesque "li'l man" who refused to fear him, rolled over and bounced up with a merciless attack that reduced Tormentor Tony Galento to a blindly groping hulk—and silenced doubters who had said the Bomber wouldn't come back once he was hit hard and hurt.

The Yankees and Joe Louis—the names became almost synonymous with invincible—were outstanding in a list of champions who came through as expected in 1939.

Super-excellence of the New York Yankees caused loud wailing among baseball experts and suggestions that means be taken to weaken them finally became fact. An American League ruling made late in the year banned trading within the loop by the championship club

Kenny Washington Overlooked By Managers of Pro Grid Teams

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(ANP) Headline days over, Kenny Washington now is a hero in the hall of fame at the University of California at Los Angeles. His career ends where the career of the average football star begins.

Strange it seemed on Sunday following one of his most brilliant days, when he and Robinson and Strode battled an overwhelmingly strong University of Southern California team to a standstill, to see the imposing list of college stars drafted for service in pro football. And lo and behold, unlike Abou Ben Adhem, Washington's name was not among them, let alone topping the list.

Players on a par with Washington, many below him in ability eagerly sought by the 10 clubs in the National Pro league of football yet the "gentlemen's agreement" constantly practiced against Negroes, bars him from capitalizing on his ability as a football player.

There are 10 teams in the league that could use this 192 pounder without a doubt were there some way to remove the Ifs, ands and buts that the managers and owners and coaches of these teams hide behind when confronted with the bare facts.

JOBS SCARCE

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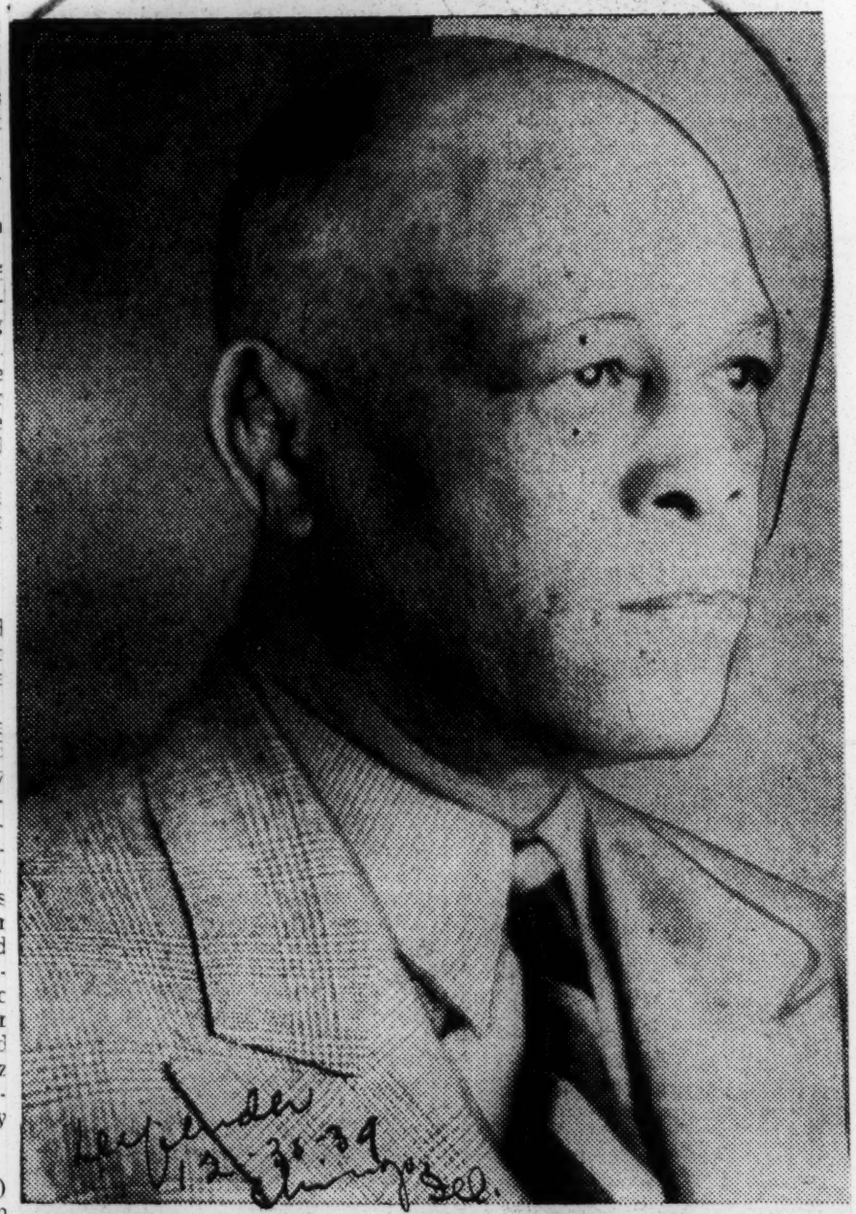
Right here in D. C., there are plenty of men who played grand football in their college days—only to wind up sitting in some government office building as a messenger, or slaving in the printing office or the bureau of engraving and it is inevitable that newcomers will continue to do the same; for since the days of Slater, Kemp and Lillard, Negroes in the professional football field haven't done so well. And of them, only one other Negro besides Lillard who played in the backfield and that was Fritz Pollard, who shone with the Canton Bulldogs or one of the early teams of the mid-west.

LOS ANGELES, Cal.— (ANP) Hardly before the ink was dry on both daily and weekly publications throughout the West Coast heralding the great ability of Kenny Washington, ace fullback at the University of California at Los Angeles, news began to circulate that Mike Jacobs, veteran fight promoter, was seeking to sign Washington to enter the heavyweight boxing division.

Washington has not indicated whether or not he will sign because of his amateur standing in athletics, but when the season is over he will be free to discuss terms and contracts professionally. It is generally believed that he will sign

HE KNOWS 'HIS STUFF'



Jack Blackburn, one of the smartest lightweights to ever climb through the ropes in his day, although he never got a chance to train for the title, as he is today. Blackburn is now trainer of Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion, who did for boxing what Babe Ruth did for baseball—put it back on its feet.—Photo by Jones.

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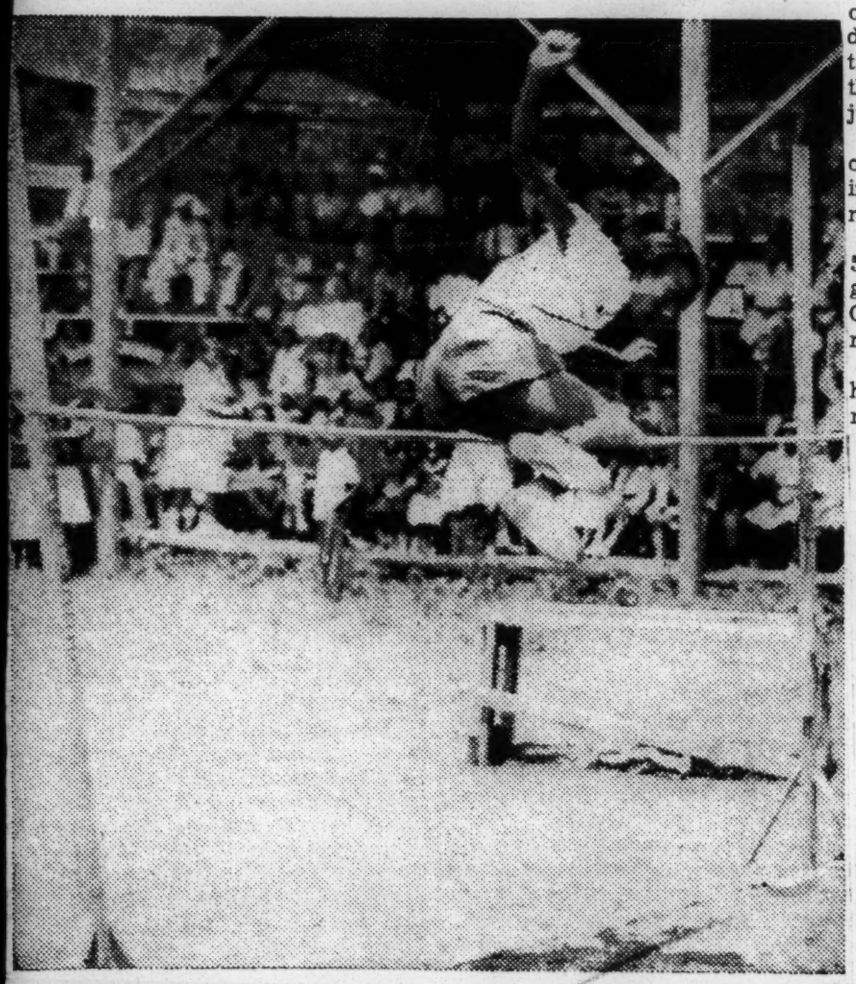
JUMPS NEAR RECORD



Alice Coachman, seventh grade student at Madison street Negro school, demonstrates the jumping form which enabled her to leap within three-fourths of an inch of the world's high jump record for women at a meet in Tuskegee, Ala., last week. (Herald Staff Photo.)

Local Negro Girl Jumps Within Inch Of World's Record

Clears Bar at Five, Four And One-Half, to Pace Local School to National Victory.

A 16-year-old Albany Negro girl was at home today with an armload of medals and trophies, awarded her after she had leaped within three-fourths of an inch of the Olympic high jump record for women in a meet at Tuskegee, Ala., last week.

Alice Coachman, seventh grade student at Madison Street Negro school, jumping eight inches higher than her nearest competitor, was the sparkplug of a team which brought home high honors.

In competition with teams from colleges and prep schools of virtually every section of the country, the Madison high women's team took first place in the entire meet, after garnering firsts in the high jump and the 440-yard relay and placing in the 80-meter hurdles and the 100-meter run.

The youthful jumper's mark of 5 feet 4 1-2 inches was two and one-half inches better than the leap which won the women's championship in the AAU meet in Naugatuck, Conn., last year.

"Alice might have been able to jump 5 feet 6," M. L. Heard, coach of the Madison team, said yesterday, "but I was afraid to let her try it because she was to run in the relay race shortly after the jump.

"She cleared 5 feet 4½ inches on her first jump, which was 8 inches better than the second-place mark."

The Olympic record of 5 feet 5 1-4 inches was set in Los Angeles in 1932 by Jean Shiley. The Olympic figure is also the world's record.

Alice's jump was believed to have set a national intercollegiate record.

LOUIS IS PREPARED FOR A ROUGH BOUT

Not Especially Worried About Galento's Tactics When They Meet June 28

Times

By The Associated Press.

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 13.—Yankee Stadium's chopping block is all set for a very large evening June 28 if Tony Galento, as has been hinted, should trot out any rough-housing in his fist-tossing title party with Joe Louis.

For Joe, rapidly rounding into shape here at Doc Bier's place, promised today he'd "give Tony just what he's looking for" in the event the party gets rough.

"If Tony starts to push me around that way," Joe warned, "I'll rough him right back. I'll give it right back to him and then we'll see who likes to play the most."

Joe and his training troupe, particularly Trainer Jack (Chappie) Blackburn, figure Galento will be tough—tougher than any of the Tan Terror's recent opponents—but they're not especially worried.

Boxes Six Rounds a Day

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"We took on the same kind of a fighter a couple of years back in Adolph Wiater," Blackburn related. "He came from Green Bay, Wis. and moved like Tony, wide open and slugging all the time. That was the first ten-round fight Joe ever had, and we won the decision after putting Adolph down three or four times. He was tough only for the first three or four rounds."

After two weeks of work, Joe is coming to the peak of his condition in splendid style. He is boxing six rounds daily, his latest punch-tossing section coming at the expense of Sparmates Mickey Hayes of Milwaukee, Joe Bandvic, a Galento-shoped gentleman (particularly around the mid-section) from Binghamton; Jim Howell and George Nicholson of New York.

Hayes wolked into the training camp a couple of days ago and announced he had hitch-hiked all the way from home just to tangle a little bit with the heavyweight champion. He is rapidly learning that, as Joe Jacobs, Galento's manager, so aptly put it, he "should have stood in bed." He was cuffed from ring-post to ring-post today and wound up with a nose dripping blood.

Joe's boxing has improved considerably since he last was in training here—for John Henry Lewis in January. He is much faster on his feet and moves around better.

Joe today received The Ring Magazine's "merit award" as the outstanding boxer of 1938. The presentation was made by Nat Fleischer, the magazine's editor, who also turned over to Henry Armstrong The Ring's championship belt for the welterweight title. Henry also received an "extra-special" belt for being the first boxer ever to hold three title simultaneously.

Lou Montgomery Gives Up Cotton Bowl Hopes

By MABE KOUNTZE

BOSTON—(A N P)—Lou Montgomery, star halfback of the Boston college football team, has by his own decision withdrawn from the New Year's Day Cotton Bowl classic at Dallas, according to a letter published in the Boston daily papers here last week.

Boston college is scheduled to play Clemson college of South Carolina which was understood to have been flatly against meeting Montgomery. However, he was to go with the team "just for the trip."

Montgomery in his letter implied that he was withdrawing from the scene in order to "eliminate any unpleasant reactions."

Free Baseball Game For Billikens Sunday

Defender 6-10-39 Chicago Ill.

How would you like to see a good baseball game absolutely **FREE?** Well, all members of the Chicago Defender's Bud Billiken club are invited to the **AMERICAN GIANTS PARK,** Thirty-ninth street and Wentworth avenue **SUNDAY, JUNE 11,** at 1:30 p. m.

The occasion will be the benefit game between the **PALMER HOUSE INDIANS** and the **PITTSBURGH CRAWFORDS** and the proceeds are to go to Frank U. Mesiah who has been at the Palmer House hotel for 25 years.

Of course Billikens won't have to pay to see the contest. All they'll have to do is to present their Bud Billiken card and button at the gate and walk right in to a special reserved section. How's that?

Sunday is father's day and Bud has reasons to believe that it would be a grand stunt, if you'd honor dad by taking him over to the game.

There's not very much more we can say other than ol' Bud Billiken will be looking for you at the Giants park Sunday afternoon, and the game starts promptly at 1:30 p. m. Don't forget your card and button!

Negro Ball Players Absent at Tribute To Game's Founder

By Bernie Stephens

(Special to the Daily Worker)

COOPERSTOWN, N. Y., June 12.—Back in 1839, exactly one hundred years ago, a youthful West Point cadet unloosed an idea that was to captivate a nation's imagination and daily attract uncountable thousands to the baseball parks of this land, a land steeped in the traditions of sportsmanship.

Some twenty years later, Abner Doubleday, now Artillery Captain Doubleday, aimed the first gun fired by the Union Army in defense of Fort Sumter—and in defense of equal rights for all men, black and white.

Today this sleepy little town played host to thousands of high baseball officials, old time diamond greats and just plain fans who joined with the big leaguers of today in paying homage to the founder of modern baseball.

But the Negroes of the nation, barred by "unwritten laws" among the magnates, from playing major league baseball. were not represented at the ceremonies. They, along with their white co-fighters for really equal rights for all men, Negro and white, are wondering this day if Abner Doubleday, given the rank of Brigadier General by President Abraham Lincoln for meritorious service in the Civil War, is not slowly turning in his grave.

Baseball's high commissioner, Kenesaw Landis, this afternoon formally dedicated a little brown brick building, the National Baseball Museum, with these words:

"I dedicate this museum to the lovers of clean sport as a shrine of good sportsmanship."

Good sportsmanship holds that ability alone shall determine who shall, or shall not, go to bat, and never draws the color line. Although many big league stars here today have said that there are players on Negro teams who could step into big league baseball and win plaudits as outstanding stars, and although Landis himself and Ford Frick, president of the National League, have expressed their sympathies with the campaign to end discrimination against Negroes in the major league, nothing has been done to break down the poor sportsmanship and Jim Crow tactics by big league magnates which keep them out.

Crowds packed the main street of the town to witness the Baseball Museum and the Hall of Fame of the diamond sport dedicated. Postmaster General James J. Farley, Will Harridge, American League President, and Ford Frick, National League President, attended with Commissioner Landis.

Charles J. Doyle of Pittsburgh, president of the Baseball Writers Association, acted as chairman of the festivities, introducing ten of the eleven living members of the Hall of Fame. Ty Cobb, greatest defensive outfielder of all time, was ill last night, and arrived late.

Later the one hundred years birthday party heard Babe Ruth, last of the Hall of Fame members, get the biggest hand when he said:

"I hope some day you fellows know how it feels to get into the Hall of Fame. I'm particularly happy over it and this celebration because it was was just twenty-five years ago yesterday that I pitched my first major league game for the Red Sox."

A capacity crowd of 10,000 jammed Doubleday Field to see the "Cavalcade of Baseball" during the afternoon. The high spot of the 'Cavalcade" was a seven-inning game between two teams chosen from a group of present big league stars by Eddie Collins, Red Sox general manager and Honus Wagner, Pittsburgh Pirate coach.

Collins and Wagner used the good old sandlot method of choosing deciding who had first pick by the hand over bat route. Wagner's team won, 4-2, putting on a two run rally in the sixth after Collins' team had tied the score, 2-2.

3,000 See Joe Louis Maul Four Spar Mates

By AL MONROE

POMPTON LAKES, N. J., June 16—Maybe it was the heat, but our guess is that the powerful fists of Joe Louis was the ignition that floored a quartet of mates Sunday afternoon before 3,000 spectators. The champion registered no knockouts, but he had Mickey Hayes, Joe Banovich, Elza Thompson and George Nicholson hanging on the ropes at the end of their respective workouts.

The most spirited workout was the one with Elza Thompson whom Golden Gloves fans will remember as the heavyweight from Indianapolis. This big fellow has a punch—ask Maxie Baer—and is as fast as a man of his 210 pounds can be expected to be. Working with Baer for the Nova fight he was a terror—so much so they had to pull him off Maxie a couple of times. But he was as helpless as a lamb on shearing day Sunday when he faced the world's champion.

All the Same

This should not be held against Elza. The champion was in a fighting mood and they all looked alike to him.

Following Thompson in the ring was big Joe Banovich who looks, acts and fights like Tony Galento, the beer smuggler—or gurgler. Banovich ran afoul of one of the champion's punches in the second of the two stanzas he worked, and for a moment the birdies appeared to be singing. Joe then lightened up and the crowd roared as the big sparmate swung wild rights and lefts that occasionally grazed the world's champion's shoulder. He was trying hard to make an impression, but his target was having a deal of fun proving that cleverness can easily burlesque wild swinging.

Nicholson Clever

While not showing as much punch there was more class to the two rounds with George Nicholson. George does not hit as hard as does Ezra Thompson, but he has class and a jab that is troublesome. In fact, this latter attack caused Joe to shift his tactics to avoid running his nose into the path of the jab, jab, jab.

The camp crew was at full force Sunday as a result of Julian Black's return from Chicago earlier in the morning. John Roxborough left at 6:15 for Detroit. Carl Nelson, Julian Black, Bill Bottoms, Freddy Guinyard, Carl Nelson and "Red" were on hand to take care of things for the champion.

There were numerous well-known visitors present for Sunday's workout from both Broadway and Harlem. Marshall Miles of Detroit is here handling his heavyweight prospect, Le Roy Evans; Ed Small from Small's Paradise, Dr. Shag Hogan, the Misses Mildred Dixon, Madelyn Jackson, Marie McLeary, Drs. Wiley Wilson and Perry W. Cheney, Frank Rivers, Louise Beavers and hubby for a moment, (She had to return to the Apollo theatre where she is appearing.) Anise and Aland, Maudyne Simmons and a host of others.

Negroes "Check" Their Bottles At Football Game

Like the good old frontier days when the "customers" parked their guns with the doorman, Negroes attending the Miles Memorial College-Stillman football game last night at Legion Field, "checked" their "pints and quarters" with police at the gates.

After the game the handful of bottles turned over to the officers were returned to their owners. The idea of having the football fans "check" their bottles was that of Desk Sergt. Morris Cousins.

The plan worked like a charm. The game was the most peaceful in weeks.

3 Borican Records Okayed

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 16—Three records made on the indoor boards by long John Borican, former Virginia State athlete and now an art student in the graduate school of Columbia university, were accepted by the National A.A.U. in session here, December 8, 9, 10.

The 1 minute 49.2 seconds record set by Borican on the Dartmouth college gym track for 800 meters on March 15 and Borican's mark in the same race for the 800-yard record of 1:49.8 were given an official okay.

The most surprising was the acceptance of the 2 minutes 8.8 seconds for the 1,000 yards, made by Borican in Madison Square Garden on March 11. This record stands despite the fact that Starter McHugh claimed Borican beat the gun. The committee ruled that this was not proved.

With three records officially approved, John Borican dominated the indoor track season last winter and this past spring, although the lanky runner is not looked upon to do so again this season. Borican was beaten in many of the outdoor exhibition races in which he was entered. He lost at the Compton Junior college relays, at Portland, Ore., at the Drake relays and in the national outdoor A.A.U. hurdles in Lincoln, Nebr. His fall was looked upon as an excuse for losing in the last race.

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Getting Support from Leading Lady

Journal and Guide 9-30-39 Norfolk, Va

SINCE HIS RECENT defeat by Lou Ambers, in a lightweight title bout, Henry Armstrong has turned to his secret career, acting. Up in the Bronx, supported by an all-colored cast. Armstrong is appearing in a movie, being produced in an old studio.

Armstrong is also interested as a financial backer. Here is a scene in connection with the picture. The title of which is "Keep Punching."

Armstrong is getting assistance from his leading lady, Francienne Everette, of Durham, N. C., with his makeup, before going in front of the camera.

Minnesota Without Negro For First Time in 10 Years

MINNEAPOLIS, (ANP) — For the first time in 10 years, the University of Minnesota is without a Negro player on the football squad according to Frank C. McCormick athletic director. Horace Bell, star guard, finished his playing career last fall.

Henry Armstrong's Film, Harlem's Own

NEW YORK, Oct 6—When "Keep Punching," the new York picture hits the screen, theatre goers will be given a close-up of many things familiar to them day and night for the picture besides being all about Harlem carries a cast recruited from Harlemites. One of the systems used by the producer was to stage a contest among the girls of Harlem and select the players through the judge system. When the word went out that talent was wanted and that the girls would be named for parts by judges of beauty and grace the studios were packed.

Use Business Places

The girls were sponsored by the various business places in the district with each place being allowed a single girl. The girl was to take her test in evening clothes and be judged according to the way she wore her clothes and looked dressed thusly. The contest was staged last Wednesday although the final decision of the judges were in, the director had not made his decision. Miss Clough, a Harlem beauty, was named by the judges and will undoubtedly be given a main part in the film.

"Keep Punching" has a cabaret scene wherein several waiters well known in Harlem are employed to serve the champ and his party. The head waiter was Dewey, popular Mimo club official but at last reports he had been replaced by another. The picture is being made now and will perhaps reach the cutting room within a few days. Then Harlem, subject of many pictures and shows will have the chance to see how it looks in real or "reel" movie life.

Included in the cast are such Harlemites as Canada Lee, George Wiltshire, Florence Ingram, Duly Wilson, Johnnie Canfield, Artie Bell, Lionel McNargis, Lee Norman, Hamtree Harrington, Mae Johnson, who plays opposite the champion, and many others.

Iowa, With Another Negro Star, the Up-and-Coming Member of Big 10

By Gene Raleigh

By the looks of things the Western Conferences, otherwise known as the Big Ten in these parts, is getting ready for its yearly slaughter.

This year, however, the bloodshed is going to be more concentrated than in the past—at least it's thought to be that way. The "we-don't-give-a-damn - so-do-us-something" gang from the University of Chicago are finally getting wise to themselves and are carrying less conference games than in the past. They've added teams like Beloit (who beat them), Wabash and Oberlin to round out the schedule of Big Team games, which was drawn up a few years back. However, besides these they also play Harvard, Michigan, Virginia and Ohio State with a Big Team weakening, Illinois, thrown in for good measure.

Chicago rooters today live only in the memory of the days gone by when Jay Berwangers romped their gridirons. Aside from these memories nothing very stable is left them.

But even as the students from the Midway don't give a damn as to whether they win or not, the followers of another weak sister in the conference do. So it seems that after a half dozen years in the dumps, the University of Iowa is climbing back into the clean air of the Big Ten upper division.

For the first time in nearly a decade they are leading the Big Ten. Although this lead is expected to be shortlived, it is indicative of what the new coach, Dr. Eddie Anderson, plans to do.

Anderson came this year from Holy Cross, where he had a magnificent record, to the unenviable job of putting Iowa back on its football feet. Iowa has been called the "graveyard of coaches," although Howard Jones and Ossie Solem haven't done badly since leaving

Anderson, however, with all this in mind accepted the offer and came out to round 20 letter men and half dozen good sophomores into a very good first team. Now, his worries are confined to his schedule and to just what he'll have to put in should any regulars get hurt.

He passed by the South Dakota game with no injuries. In fact, he didn't have anyone in long enough to get hurt as his eleven piled up a 41-0 score on the Dakotans. The Indiana game took its toll. Two backs were hurt, but not seriously. They should be back for the Michigan game.

Potentially Anderson's got three All-Americans in his starting lineup. They are his ace back Nile Kinnick, who in two games so far has scored four touchdowns, tossed five touchdown passes, and kicked all Iowa's extra points; Capt. Erwin Prasse, All-Conference end last year and a really superlative end, and Big Jim Walker, a Negro sophomore who plays a lot of tackle.

Already Walker has been compared to another Negro — great "Duke" Slater. It's going to be hard for a green, inexperienced boy to live up to his notices. It seems that one only hears about the exploits of this greatest of Negro gridiron players—and those exploits are unbelievable. Walker it seems is another in the long line of Negro gridiron stars at Iowa—names that include besides Slater, Ozzie Simmons, Don Simmon, and Homer Harris, the first Negro to captain a Big Ten team.

Coach Anderson himself remembers the "Duke" quite well. It doesn't seem likely that he'll ever forget a certain afternoon back in 1921 when he led a Knute Rockne — coached Irish eleven, unbeaten in 20 starts previous, into his home state, only to bow before Howard Jones' national champions of that year.

Only too well does he still see the charging hulk—the huge form of a Negro tackle going toward the Irish secondary.

And now Dr. Eddie has a similar figure playing for him. Anderson seems to be on his way at Iowa. So far it's still his first year and a great deal of reorganization must yet take place, but it's sfe to say that he'll have his boys knocking off some of the big ones this year. Michigan, Wisconsin, Purdue, Notre Dame, Minnesota and Northwestern—he faces 'em all . . . and may spoil the plans of some.

Negro Athletes Returning To United States From War-Torn Europe

Left: Joe Batiste, national high hurdle champion from Tuscon, Arizona, and (right) William "Bill" Watson, first Negro captain of the University of Michigan track team and holder of shotput, discus throw and broad jump titles, posing with Marsden Burnell (center), sports columnist for The New York Age, before the two athletes sailed on July 26 on the s.s. Manhattan for United States track team invasion of Europe. Their barnstorming tour cut short by the war, Batiste and Watson with eight other American track and field stars sailed from Bordeaux, France, on Saturday, and are scheduled to arrive here September 23. The team had competed in England, France, Switzerland and Monte Carlo before the outbreak of the war. When The Age went to press the athletes were somewhere out on the high seas.

'Wouldn't Hesitate If Big Bosses Said OK', Says B'klyn Manager

Daily Worker 8-6-39

Campaign to End Discrimination Gets Another Great Boost—Leo Says He's 'Seen a Million Who Should Be in!'—Evidence Now Overwhelming

(All material used here is by special permission of the Pittsburgh Courier.)

Brooklyn fans, here it is!

Lippy Leo Durocher, peppy manager of the Dodgers, not only says that there are lots of Negro players good enough to play in the big leagues, but:

"I CERTAINLY WOULD USE A NEGRO PLAYER ON THE BROOKLYN DODGERS. IF THE BIG BOSSES SAID IT WAS ALL RIGHT WITH THEM I WOULDN'T HESITATE."

There, in plain language, is the most sensational answer yet given to the un-American discrimination already blasted by other managers and players. Managers Bill Baker and Fred Haney of Detroit and St. Louis in the American League have told the Daily Worker the same thing. Only Bill Terry of the Giants has come out against giving Negro players their chance.

Leo Durocher, Who Opened the Road to Negro Stars on the Dodgers.

McKechnie and Doc Prothro of Cincinnati and Philadelphia in the National League had already told Wendell Smith of the Pittsburgh Courier that they knew there were Negro stars that belonged in the big leagues, and it was just up to the owners, and Managers Del

Durocher's clean cut and ringing statement may open the gates to these "forgotten stars" of American sports and mean a revitalized season for our National Pastime in 1940. For the man with the final word on the matter in Brooklyn is Larry MacPhail, a keen, enterprising baseball man who has already done a great job of rebuilding the Dodgers to the extent that available material permitted, and who successfully fought for and introduced the popular night baseball games in the big league. Known as a baseball pioneer and keenly responsive to the wishes of the fans in America's hottest baseball town, MacPhail can be expected to bend an ear to Durocher's statement and the support it is sure to gain from Brooklyn fans.

"SEEN A MILLION"

Durocher minced no words in lauding the ability of the Negro players he knows. "I have played against some colored boys on the Coast who could play in any big league that ever existed. Paige, Suttles, Gibson and Perkins are good enough to be in the majors right now. All four of them are great players . . . Hell, I've seen a million!"

"About two years ago I played against Josh Gibson in Cincinnati and found out that everything they say about him is true and then some. Gibson can sure pound a ball," he said. "In that game in Cincinnati Josh caught hold of one of Monte Weaver's fast ones, and I'll bet it's still sailing. Boy! How he hit that ball. It was one of the longest hit balls I've ever seen."

Repeating his willingness to strengthen the Dodgers, Leo said:

"I'm expected to give Brooklyn a winning ball club, and I'm doing my level best to live up to expectations. If I saw a colored player whom I thought could help my club, and the officials sanctioned it, I'd sign him in a minute. However, the decision as to whether or not they shall play is not up to the managers. That decision is up to the owners."

A quick chat with a few of the Brooklyn players brought the following results:

LUKE HAMLIN, team's leading pitcher—"I used to play against the Chicago American Giants, and they had a number of players who could have made the grade. I also played against Satchell Paige—I swear I don't see how in the world he can throw a ball so fast." Hamlin also lauded the three great Negro fighters, Joe Louis, John Henry Lewis and Henry Armstrong. He knew Louis in Detroit when he pitched for the Tigers. "A grand guy."

DOLPH CAMILLI, first baseman—"I've seen plenty of good colored players, and the best ones are just as good as the big leaguers you see out here today."

COOKIE LAVAGETTO, third baseman—"I've seen any number who could make the grade. Paige, Gibson and Suttles are big leaguers. I used to play with a colored boy in high school by the name of Lester Grant, and I'm sure if he continued playing he could have been a star on any team in the country."

TUCK STAINBACK, outfielder—"Paige, Steans, Suttles, Bell, Snow, Bankhead, West and Porter are as good as any of the players I've seen in the big leagues."

CHARLEY DRESSEN, coach, ex-manager of Cincinnati—"I'd name Moore, Charleston, Di Higo and Torriento. They were good enough for any big league team that ever existed."

BABE PHELPS, catcher—"I've seen any number of Negro players whom I think were good enough for the majors."

Other players agreed. The Dodgers, like the other ball players, are typical American athletes, and the typical American athelete has long ago turned thumbs down on discrimination for reasons of race, color or creed.

Bushwicks vs. Stars

The Bushwicks, owners of the most fabulous winning streaks ever sported in daylight semi-pro baseball fourteen straight, today battle the Philadelphia Stars, Negro National League team in a pair of games at Dexter Park.

Negro Stars Show Stuff in Chicago Game

Daily Worker

Million Fans Cast Votes For All East-West Tilt Today

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CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—The Negro American League pitchers will be out to burst the bubble of Eastern Negro National League superiority tomorrow afternoon when the two All-Star teams clash before a large crowd in Comiskey Park.

More than a million fans had a hand in choosing the Eastern and Western teams. Headed by Josh Gibson of the Homestead Gray and Mule Suttles of the Newark Eagles, the National Leaguers present a mighty array of power-hitters, and the American League hurlers, although conceded and edge over their Eastern opponents, will be hard up to stop the invaders.

The two teams are as follows:

The East Team

PITCHERS: Byrdl, Baltimore; Partlow, Grays; Day, Newark; Holland, Black Yanks.

CATCHERS: Gibson, Homestead Grays; Fernandez, Cuban Stars.

INFIELDERS: Leonard, Grays 1st base; Hughes, Baltimore, 2nd; Wells, Newark, shortstop; Patterson, Philadelphia, 3rd; Ches Williams, Philly, utility.

OUTFIELDERS: Parnell, Philadelphia; Bill Wright, Baltimore; Curry, Black Yankees; Suttles, Newark and Lopez, Cubans.

The West Team

PITCHERS: Hilton Smith, Kansas City; Henry, Cleveland; Theo. Smith, St. Louis; Houston, Chicago; Moss and T. Radcliffe, Memphis.

CATCHERS: Bassett, Chicago American Giants; Larry Brown, Memphis.

Infielders: Strong, Kansas City, 1st base; Horn, Chicago, 2nd; A. Radcliffe, Chicago, 3rd; Morney, Chicago, shortstop, Allen, K. C. utility.

OUTFIELDERS: J. Williams, Toledo; Milton, Kansas City; Neal Robinson, Memphis, St. Louis and Owens, Cleveland.

Ban on Negro Stars in Connecticut League Met by Indignant State Wide Campaign

Mass Meeting, Churches, Editorials Blast Jim Crow

A loud echo of the rapidly booming campaign to end discrimination against Negro stars in baseball comes from Connecticut today.

It revolves around the case of Johnny Taylor, ace Negro pitcher who twirled a no-hitter here two years ago to beat the more famous Satchell Paige. Johnny was barred, together with all other Negro players, from the Connecticut State Baseball League, taking its cue from big league baseball's magnates. In disgust, Johnny accepted an invitation of the Mexican government to participate in the league games in our sister republic to the south.

But Taylor happened to be one of Connecticut's most popular athletes. And when the Young Communist League started a campaign to reverse the shameful Jim Crow decision, it promptly became a major sports issue, being picked up by the Connecticut Conference of Youth, which circulated petitions, and finally culminating in a huge mass meeting in New Britain where discrimination was lambasted as un-American by such speakers as Clarence Carter, chairman of the Connecticut Conference of Youth, Rev. Frank R. Brown, pastor of the AME Church, Franklin McDew of the Negro Youth Council and Congressman Nicholas Tomassetti. An announcement calling attention to the meeting was made at St. Mary's Church, one of the largest in New Britain, during Sunday mass.

Large news items in all Connecticut papers featured the story, as Taylor was a well-known schoolboy pitching wonder for Hartford High School, and regarded as one of Connecticut's finest products. Sports writers, athletic clubs, players and managers in the league have joined the protest, and it is expected that the league heads will soon beat a hasty retreat and a major victory in the fight to wipe Jim Crow out of American sports will have been won.

An editorial in the Hartford Courier, entitled "Democracy in Sports" takes up the case and asks for a reversal of the Jim Crow decision. It said, in part:

DEMOCRACY IN SPORTS

"If democracy is to function anywhere, it ought to function in the field of sports, where what a man does, not what a man is, is the only thing that counts. The meeting at New Britain the other night, where a considerable gathering protested, was therefore a good sign.

"In a totalitarian state, the disbarment of a player because of his race would be natural enough. The Nazis do not permit either Negroes or Jews to participate in organized athletics, and when a Negro from the United States won an event in the Olympic Games a few years ago the Fuehrer was so displeased that he declined to award the medal. Perhaps the sponsors of the rule disbarring the Negro from the Connecticut State Baseball League were not aware that they were imitating the Fuehrer, but they were, and by their ruling they set a precedent that, in the future, might be cited to justify the disbarment of players of other descent. . . .

"As good sportsmen, the managers of the Connecticut State Baseball League ought promptly to eliminate a rule that, based on prejudice, derives more from Mein Kampf than from the Declaration of Independence."

OWENS NOT TO RACE AGAINST NAG AT 'WOOD

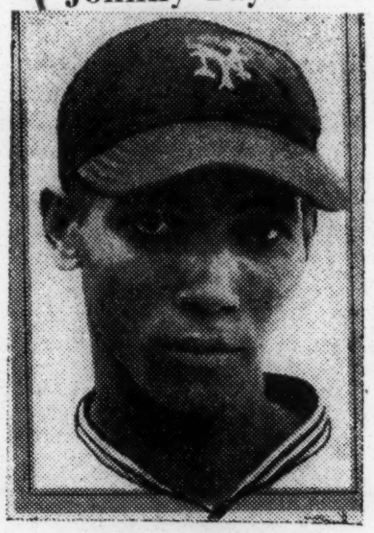
Baron Business Manager Says No; Program Is Otherwise Intact

When Jesse Owens, world's champion Olympic star, appears at Rickwood Field Monday night, he will go through his entire repertoire, except the stunt of doing a hundred-yard dash against a race horse. Billy West, business manager of the Birmingham club, was thumbs down on that feature of the program, claiming that the horse's hooves would tear up the turf of the diamond, which had taken years to build. Otherwise the world-famed Negro athlete will unroll his personal-appearance program which will include such stunts as the 100 dash, the 120 low hurdles, circling the bases in an effort to beat the world's record, novelty base-running, and the running broad jump.

Owens, making his first public appearance in his native Alabama since gaining world renown as an athlete, is coming to Birmingham as the featured attraction of a Negro ball game between the Kansas City Monarchs and the Memphis Red Sox, members of the American League in a regularly scheduled game Monday night.

It will mark the second appearance of the Monarchs in Birmingham this season. They met the Homestead Grays here earlier. The Memphis boys, who grabbed off the pennant in the American League last season, will also be paying their second visit to the Magic City. They appeared at Rickwood last Sunday when they split a double-header with the Elite Giants, of Baltimore. Owens, however, is the stellar attraction. World records established by him are 9:4 for the 100 dash; 20:3 for the 220-yard dash; 22:6 for the 220 low hurdles and a running broad jump of 26 feet, 8¼ inches.

Players, Managers Join Fight to Bring Back Johnny Taylor



JOHNNY TAYLOR

May Broadcast Tuskegee Grid Games

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Aug. 11—A request to broadcast the football games at Tuskegee institute during the 1939 season was received by the committee on regulation of athletic sports. "The offer was very attractive," a member of the committee said.

BILL WATSON BIG STANDOUT AS U. S. WINS

Three Records Fall in British Meet; Blaine Rideout Is Defeated

By Drew Middleton
(The Associated Press)

London, Aug. 7. — America's hand-picked athletes followed the herculean figure of Bill Watson and the flying feet of Clyde Jeffrey today to a notable triumph over the track and field forces of 15 other nations in an "Olympic preview" at the White City Stadium.

About 60,000 fans defied the raw weather and came to see the international meet but they were well rewarded. As the Americans piled up 54 points, 13 of them by Watson and 10 by Jeffrey, to Great Britain's 41, three British records were shattered and two equaled.

The lone jarring note was the loud and raucous razz handed America's Blaine Rideout when he swung wide to pass two other runners at the start of the last lap of the mile. It was evident from the stand that Blaine had been forced wide but, probably because he was considered the cause of Sydney Wooderson's downfall at Princeton in June, he got the old bird just the same.

Denis Pell Wins Race

Whatever it was, the incident had little bearing on the result of the race. Denis Pell, who has been shadowing Wooderson all season, went out like a deer on the backstretch and won comfortably in 4:15.2. Janusz Staniszewski of Poland was second and Rideout fourth.

The victory for Britain plus B. F. McCabe's third and C. Cox' fifth put the Britons in to the lead — temporarily. But George Varoff captured the pole vault with a disappointing leap of 13 feet 6 inches. Next Watson, who had taken third in the discus, broke the British shotput record with a heave of 52 feet 8 inches, then walked over to the broad jump pit and leaped 24 feet 6 inches for his second victory. That was the ball game.

Beetham Scores

The Americans stared as though the meet was being run for their benefit. Charlie Beetham, former Ohio State star, knocked off the half-mile—just striding—in 1:52.3. Then Jeffrey started his sprint double by winning the 100-yard dash in the creditable time of 9.8 seconds over a soggy track.

Roy Cochran, Indiana youth apparently unawed by a field that included J. Bostmans of Belgium and Fritz Hoelling of Germany, won the 400-meter hurdles in 52.7, a clocking that set up a new British record and was only one-tenth of a second off the international mark. He jumped into the lead at the second hurdle, increased his advantage on the backstretch and breezed home three yards in front of Hoelling.

Jeffrey followed with the 220 that was notable only for the ease with which he won. His time of 21.8 was six-tenths of a second off the British record but he still was two yards in front of Britain's A. W. Sweeney, who also was second in the century.

Superman, Gentleman, And Diplomat Negro Athlete Must Be To Get By In This World

WASHINGTON,—(By Al White for ANP)—A national magazine, frequently quoted by this writer, takes to task one of the colored track stars of the current crop in a recent issue. Without offering apologies to the magazine, for whatever shortcofings may be charged against this articular individual—taking sides with neither—it is almost safe to say that provocation of some nature is behind all of the alleged misdeeds attributed to this unnamed youngster.

Harking back over a brief span of modern black heroes in sports, one has only to realize that to achieve a spot in the arena, Negroes have to be super men. Not only do they have to possess unusual ability in their chosen field, they must have all of the qualities that make a successful diplomat.

The case of George Gregory for instance—former captain of Columbia University's greatest basketball team. Gregory was subjected to the most cruel "beatings" on the floor of the gym whenever he took the court with his team. Insults were hurled at him from the galleries when he was the only Negro on the floor. Usually George came through with flying colors. Controlling his temper and playing the game won for him the admiration and respect of all he met.

Another basketballer who suffers from association is indicated in the case of Dolly King, another star in his own right. When Dolly went to Long Island university, it was on a scholarship. He had caught the eye of Clair Bee, one of the best basketball coaches in the country and a man whose racial attitude amounts to liberalism in the highest degree. But Dolly let his popularity get to him—and failed to make the grade in scholastic standings. To his everlasting credit, he didn't put the blame for not appearing with the team on anyone but himself—went to his books, reinstated himself and when he came back with the team found that his teammates for some reason or other didn't consider

At New York university last year, Dr. Mal Stevens early in the season predicted a brilliant season for Ed Williams, the 218 pound battering ram of the Violets' backfield. What happened? Ed quit the team in disgust. His teammates made him do it—not that Ed isn't a game guy but it was so obvious that they were using him—he felt it and just gave up. Whenever the team was in the middle of the gridiron and yardage was needed, Ed carried the ball. Time after time he crushed through the opposition for the downs. But when the Violets were in a scoring position, who took the ball over the last stripe? Not Ed, you may be sure, but one of the favored sons on the team, thereby adding laurels to the youngster and giving him an honored place in the season's scoring record.

What end coach at what university said a "Negro would have to be three times as good as the best white aspirant" before the Negro won the job at end for his school?

What was wrong with Ozzie Simmons at Iowa? What did Brud Holland have to contend with when he was romping with Cornell? And everyone vows that Brud is not only a gentleman but a whale of a football player. And Jefferson at Northwestern?

And in the Golden Gloves boxing contests in [illegible] New York. Why did Bill Miller, former trainer for Tiger Flowers, Al Brown and Kid Chocolate raise a ruckus with one of the promoters of this nationally known event? And what happened to the crop of heavyweights who tried to enter the tournament?

No, colored athletes in competition with whites do not have any difficulty at all. They are welcomed with open arms (says you) and receive the finest treatment in the world. Yet when one of them bucks the system—word is quietly passed around among the white coaches and the old system is against him, thumbs down in every way.

Yet, they do come back after they make mistakes. A shining example is Ed Gordon, former star at Iowa. Gordon came to New York and took the city by storm. Later, the city took him and Ed was down and on the way out. A fortunate turn for Ed brought him to his senses and now he is happily married and has won back his position and still competes actively and powerfully in his favorite spot, broad jumping. Not only that, Ed is in the running events and takes part in plenty of meets under the sponsorship of one of New York's best groups.

——A Colored Judge——

Long John Woodruff Cinch For Olympic Team—Martin

(From Yesterda[illegible]

BY WHITNEY MARTIN

NEW YORK, May 28—(AP)—You can write down one name on the roster of America's 1940 Olympic team right now—John Louie Woodruff.

We dropped in at the I. C. 4-A championships at Randall's Island just to see how often they wound up this Pitt pacer and to learn his 1940 plans.

It wasn't hard to spot him, even though the place was cluttered up with those Trojans of U. S. C. everywhere you'd look, particularly down front, you'd see these lithe lads from Los Angeles. They said there were just 14 of them, but it seemed like there were that many in every event, possibly because you just noticed the first three or four finishers. You don't look beyond the top layer to decide a barrel is full of apples.

Anyway, we first spotted Woodruff as he was warming up. You couldn't miss him because he didn't seem to have any body. Just legs, clad in gray sweat pants, and topped by an ebony head.

You realized the real meaning of poetry of motion when you watched him run. Those long legs scissored in phenomenal strides—he covers nine feet and three inches with each step ordinarily, and when he has to move faster just reaches out a couple of inches farther. His face is an emotionless mask, and he floats along so smoothly he could balance a book on his head.

Talking to him you would find a deadly serious young man, a youth determined to make something of himself at all costs. His victories on the track are just symbols of his tenacity in more important directions.

"Yes," he said, "I plan to try for the 1940 Olympic team, then after 1940 hang up my shoes. I will be graduated from Pittsburgh next month, and next Fall plan to take a post-graduate course. I'd like to get an urban league fellowship.

"I ran a dumb race in the last Olympics (he won the 800-meter event in 1:52.7). I was just a freshman then and didn't know much about running. They boxed me, and I ran outside everybody." Observers of that race recall the long-geared Pittsburgher ran all over the course like he was a trifle confused as to direction.

"My chances of breaking a world record?" he continued. "Well, it's hard to tell. Conditions have to be just right. You don't know when you'll feel just right until you get out on the track.

"I ran the 880 at Dallas a couple of years ago in 1:47.8. The world record, held by Elroy Robinson, of Fresno State, is 1:49.6. Robinson was in that race, which was an added incentive, and I felt just right. However, afterward they found the course was several yards short. So the mark didn't count. I went all out on that race, and don't think I'll ever run any faster.

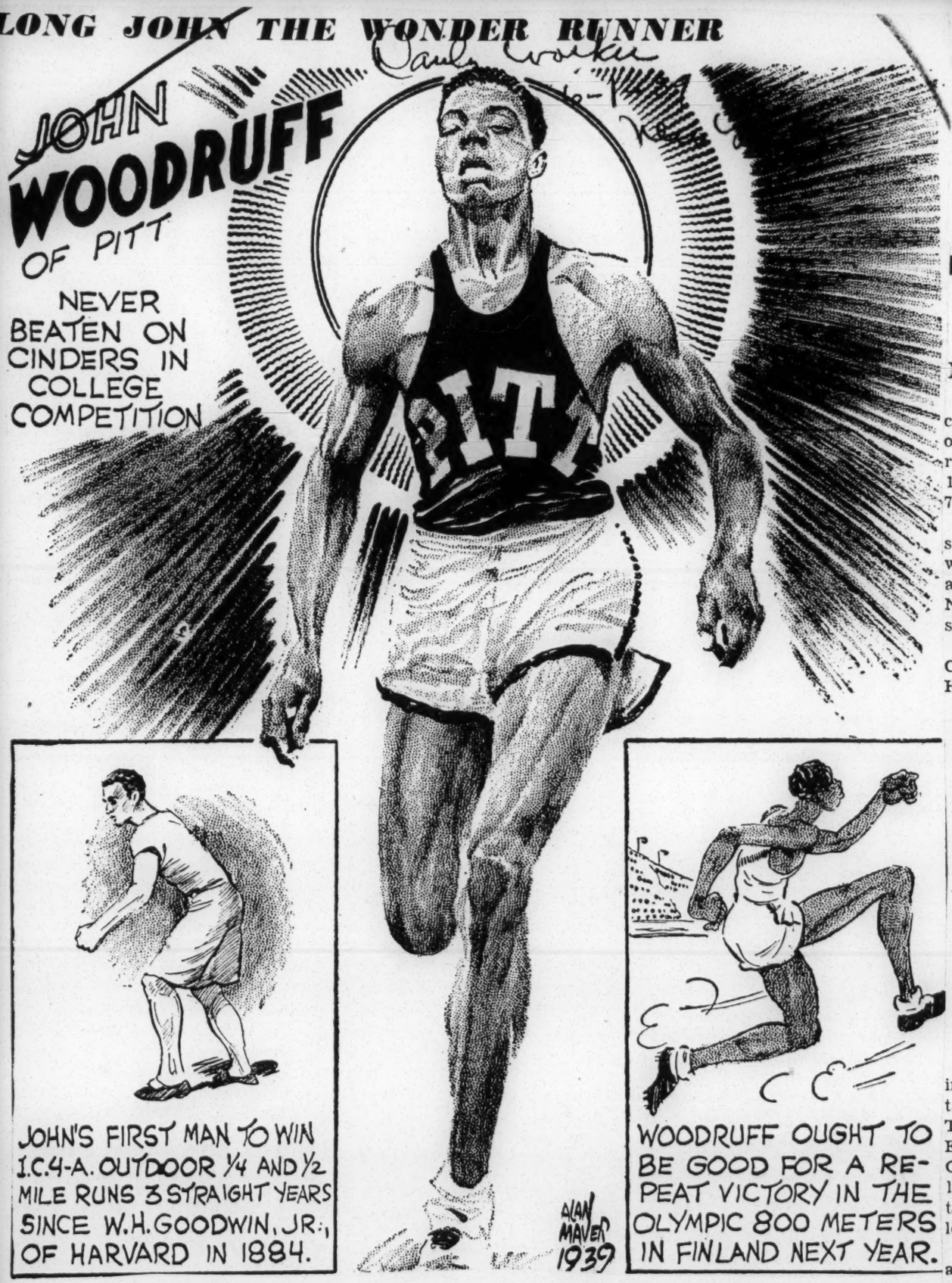
"I think I'll compete in the Princeton invitation June 17. That's a fast track and I may do pretty well—if I feel just right."

Woodruff apparently "felt just right" Saturday. He tied the meet 440 record in 47 seconds flat, and broke the mark in the 880 with a time of 1:51.2. It was his third straight "double," the first time such a feat has been recorded since 1884.

The Pittsburgh Negro would have stolen the show if it hadn't been for those pesky Trojans. They really grow track men out there, even though Oklahomans still are pouting because Bob Peoples, whose marker in the javelin was so far out front it looked like a solo scouting party, quit his native state for the coast.

And speaking of being out front, Earl Vickery's flaming red head was bobbing so far in front of the rest of the field after a couple of barriers had been passed in the 220-yard low hurdles that an unbelieving spectator gasped:

"Hey, hey, wait a minute. Some fellows back there want to talk to you."



Philly, Buffalo Join Campaign To End Jim Crow

Enthusiastic Response Greets Petitions As Negro Stars Play—Y.C.L. Praised for Campaign

Philadelphia and Buffalo sports fans can't see why Negro ball players aren't in the big leagues right now.

The Young Communist League petition campaign to crack the Jim Crow bars is going over in a big way in both cities. On recent banner days Buffalo got 1,000 signatures and Philadelphia 700.

This comes on the heels of a statewide protest of players, sports writers and fans in Connecticut against the Jim Crowing of ace Negro hurler Johnny Taylor by semi-pro league magnates.

On the Philly campaign, William Cohen, Membership Director of the Harry Levine YCL Branch writes:

"At a doubleheader between the Philly Stars and the Homestead Grays our Committee was instrumental in collecting close to 700 signatures on petitions and we had a personal interview with the managers and owners of both teams as well as some of the players, including Josh Gibson.

"The enthusiasm that was expressed by both players and fans present on the campaign, gives us an excellent opportunity to conduct one of the most widespread campaigns for Negro rights this city has ever seen.

Here's what Buffalo has to say:

"Buffalo added another big day in the campaign to end discrimination in the major leagues Tuesday. The Homestead Grays and Newark Eagles played a night game at the Offerman Stadium here and the local Young Communist League turned out with petitions and collected nearly 1,000 signatures.

"The first to sign a petition was an old, white-haired Irish peanut vendor. He's been working the games at Offerman Stadium for many years now.

" 'The colored ball players are just as good as any others I have seen around here," he said. "You can put me down in favor of what you're trying to do. If I were younger. I'd take those things myself.'

"Henry Wright, county chairman of the Communist Party and Svea Katz, local YCL leader, sat in the dugout before the game and talked over the campaign with the managers and players. Josh Gibson acted as host and introduced them around.

"They all knew about the campaign and once again gave it their hearty approval," Vic Harris, manager of the Grays said, "it's a wonderful idea. It takes something like this to get the public interested. I know many men ready to play ball in the big leagues."

"Earlier in the afternoon, Henry Wright and members of the YCL had visited the Eagles at the Vendome Hotel. John Eldridge, Eagle manager, had followed the campaign in the Pittsburgh Courier and had heard of the YCL petition.

"It's a fine thing you're doing," he said. "It's a tough fight to break this prejudice down, but it's certainly a worthwhile thing. It's true that they are Negro ball players good enough for the big leagues. They deserve a chance to show their stuff."

"One interesting sidelight on the game: a reporter for the Buffalo Criterion, local Negro paper, came to cover the game and stayed to help YCL'ers get signatures on the petitions."

250 Youth Groups Asked to Make Voice Heard on Jim Crow

In a letter sent yesterday to 250 youth organizations, the Young Communist League, through Gil Green, National President, asked that letters asking a lifting of the ban on Negro players be sent to Judge Landis, league officials and club owners. The YCL letter concluded with:

"If steps such as the above were taken by all youth organizations interested in equality of opportunity and racial and religious freedom, we are sure that the 1939 baseball season will be the last in which Negro players were banned from participation."

Franklin Loses Close Decision

Journal - Huido
4-22-39

CHICAGO (ANP)—Lem Franklin, the Cleveland pulverizer, had a splendid chance to blast Tony Musto form the No. 10 spot in the world heavyweight picture before 8,219 spectators at the Coliseum Thursday night but instead lost a close decision to the white boy in 10 rounds.

Franklin started out to make short work of his rolp-poly but tough opponent, rushing him to the ropes and punishing him with rights and lefts. Musto covered up with retaliation, causing Referee Behr to stop the bout and ask the white boy, "Do you want to fight?" Musto then started throwing punches. Big Lem kept banging away at Tony through the second and part of the third, but slowed down after hurting his right hand on Musto's skull. From the sixth on both were so tired that the match proved uninteresting.

Henry Wacker and Paul Hartnek, white, battled to a 10 round draw. Hartnek is the heavyweight who defeated Franklin for the Golden Gloves title two years ago.

ELLERBE TO RUN AT PENN RELAYS

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., April 27—Mozel Ellerbe, who won the 100-yard dash at the Kansas relays, Lawrence, on April 22, has left the institute for Philadelphia. Ellerbe is one of the 12 leading sprinters in America invited to participate in the 100-yard dash at the Penn relays, which will be held at Franklin Field, the University of Pennsylvania, Friday and Saturday, April 28 and 29.

Upshaw Sams, Louis Slade, Marvin Fretwell and William Anderson accompanied Ellerbe to Philadelphia. Sams and Slade will participate in the steeple chase Friday afternoon. Sams, Slade, Fretwell and Anderson will run in the one-mile relay on Saturday afternoon. The Tuskegee group was in charge of Track Coach William O'Shields.

LOUIS NOW 1 TO 12 TO DEFEAT ROPER

Bomber Displays Sharpness in Punching in His Final Drill for Bout Tomorrow

SPAR-MATE IS BATTERED

Joe Punishes Him After Being Stung by Blow—1-15 Odds Likely by Fight Time

4-16-39

LOS ANGELES, April 15 (AP).—Coming as a decided surprise to no one, betting odds on champion Joe Louis to flatten Jack Roper here Monday night jumped a couple of notches today.

For days Louis has been a 1-to-10 choice to win, with most of the betting hinging on the knockout round. Today, however, following a spectacular display of punching sharpness by the Brown Bomber from Detroit, the price went to 1 to 12, and probably will be around 1 to 15 by the time the two climb into the ring at Wrigley Field.

Truth to tell, however, most of the betting is of the verbal variety, and reports that Roper money has appeared on the scene are as hard to trace down as Roper's complete record of sixteen years in the prize ring.

The backing behind Big Jack is mostly hope, but there is an abundant supply of it. His training camp for the past six weeks has been more like an old-fashioned revival meeting in his native Dixie, and that means it has been in a constant uproar of enthusiasm.

Louis, on the other hand, dispelled whatever belief existed that he was loggy with a vicious exhibition in his last workout. Stung by a blow that sent him across the ring, the champion closed in as the railbirds howled and punished his sparring partner unmercifully.

Louis planned no exercise to speak of tomorrow, aside from a possible peek at the Los Angeles baseball club in action, while Roper arranged to break camp at his quarters near Ojai, eighty-five miles above Los Angeles, and come here. Previously he was slated to reach Los Angeles on the day of the fight.

Ark. State College Athletic Officials Hosts to School's First Track Meet

Black Kempton

Many of the Nation's Best Cinder Path Squads Expected to Compete in Southwest's Greatest Outdoor Sports Show

Large Crowd May Witness Contests

PINE BLUFF, Ark.—(Special)—The seven official member schools of the Southwestern Conference, including a few other college athletic clubs, will meet in the first cinder path confab here Saturday, May 6. A large crowd of enthusiastic sports fans are expected to be on hand to witness the events.

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This affair being the initial outdoor sports event ever to be sponsored by the Southwestern Conference officially has attractd the attention of many of the nation's top-ranking track organizations.

Amog the seven conference members, Prairie View and Langston are rated as being the favorites for capturin gfirst place honors. Bishop, under Jimmie Stevens, at the beginning of the season was rated as underdog but is expected to be a serious threat in the 100-yard dash and shot put events.

Last year's winner of the broad jump was Claudius Britt, of Langston, who is captain of this year's squad and is rated by many of the experts as being about the classiest cinder pather in the lot.

Britt hails from Evanston, Ill., and has one more year of competition before he receives his "sheepskin."

The official members of the Southwestern Conference are: Prairie View, Wiley, Texas College, and Bishop, all of the State of Texas; Langston of Oklahoma, Southern of Louisiana, and Arkansas State.

The top-rating in performances by the athletes of the Southwestern Conference has been the chief reasons as to why the out-of-conference schools wish to compete with the group.

CLAUDIUS BRITT

Nashville, Tenn. Tennessean
April 23, 1939

ELITES TO MEET CHICAGO '9' TODAY

Double-Header Slated Today In Dell, Starting at 1:45 O'Clock

The Elite Giants will meet the Chicago Americans this afternoon in Sulphur Dell in a double-header starting at 1:45 o'clock.

Coach Tom Wilson's Giants spent the winter and early spring on the Pacific Coast, knocking over rivals with regularity. The Giants will boast of one of the best nines in the American Negro League this season.

The Chicagoans are managed by Candy Jim Taylor who at one time wore Elite Giant livery. They are declared to be plenty powerful.

A special section will be reserved for white patrons.

Birmingham, Ala. News
April 25, 1939

Homestead Greys To Play Atlanta

SELMA, Ala.—Something better than a battle royal is expected Friday night when the world champion Homestead Greys, of Pittsburg, meets the Atlanta Black Crackers, champions of the Negro Southern League, under the arcs at Rowell Field here. Contingents from Marion Junction and Uniontown have sent word of motorcades to come a-hooting. The game is under direction of Nat Green, promoter of Negro sports for Selma, who announced that the Greys will present some outstanding players, including Josh Gibson.

St. Petersburg, Fla., Times
April 23, 1939

Negro Tennis Tourney To Be Held in City

The first city negro tennis tournament will be held from April 25 to May 7 at Campbell park under supervision of Preston Taylor.

Plaques will be awarded to the winners. The junior club, composed of high school students, will play during the first week and the seniors will play the second week.

Birmingham, Ala., Age-Herald
April 28, 1939

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JOE WINS OVER ROPER

World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion K.O.'s Challenger In First Round of Title Fight

Crowd of Over 25,000 Rabid Fight Fans Receive Thrilling One-Round Affair as Satisfactory Exhibition on the Part of Brave Veteran, Jack Roper

End Comes Two Minutes, Twe nty Seconds of the Initial Stanza

By HALODY MOORNER
(Black Dispatch Sports Writer)

RINGSIDE, WRIGLEY FIELD, LOS ANGELES.—Over 25,000 rabid fight fans pushed and fought their way through the turnstiles of this baseball park Monday night to witness the heavyweight prizefight contest between Champion Joe Louis Barrow, the Brown Bomber, and his challenger, Jack Roper, veteran of many a ring battle, which lasted less than one round of the scheduled ten. The end came two minutes and twenty seconds of the initial stanza.

Joe sent the 36-year-old Roper to the floor after a barrage of rights and lefts to the head that put him down in his own corner, helpless to get up before Referee George Blake finished the 10 count.

California's first heavyweight prizefight championship affair in 30 years was as wild as it was brief, as the veteran slugger waded into Louis at the start, living up to his promise to punch it out with the man who is rated as one of the deadliest hitters of all times.

Barring what would have been classed as the biggest upset of the modern era in sporting circles that has registered many a back-firing prediction, the Brown Bomber made this, his sixth, defense of his crown as successfully simple and short as most of the previous title scraps have been.

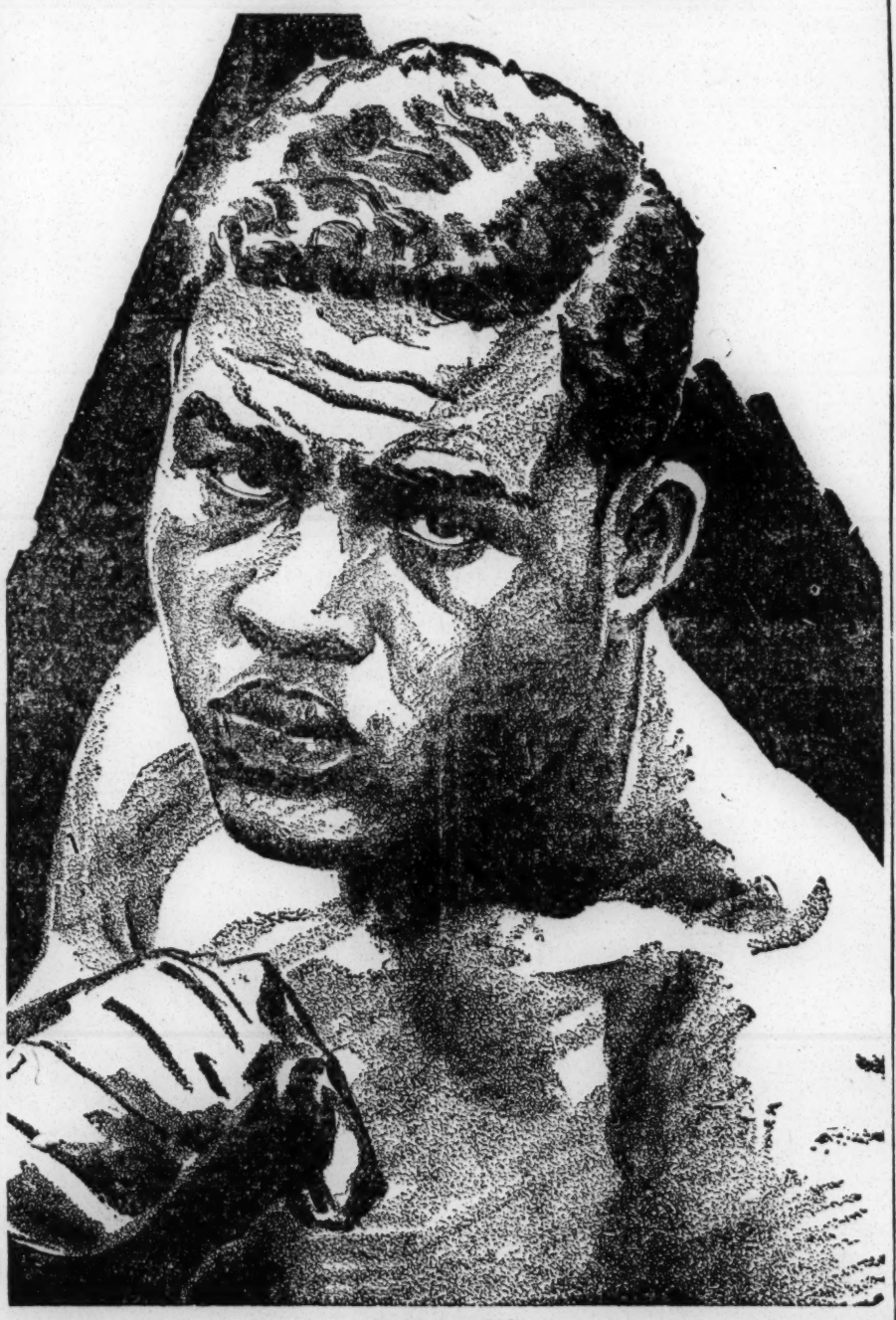
Odds on Joe

Wagering on the outcome found the champion a ten to one or better favorite with most of the betting centered on the number of rounds Roper would stay with a killer of Louis' type.

Blow-By-Blow Description

Both contestants came out slowly. Each sparred cautiously seeking an opening. Roper landed the first punch, a left to the chin. Louis hit a left to the body and Roper drove a left hook to the champion's side. They fiddled around again. Louis hooked him a stiff left and Roper staggered. Roper came back with a two-fisted attack, driving rights and lefts to Louis' body and face. Louis whipped in another stinging left which cut Roper's right eye.

He's Still the Boss of the Heavyweights



JOE LOUIS

For the sixth time Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis has defended his title successfully since he came into possession of the precious bauble a few seasons back. All save one of the bouts the Brown Bomber won by the knockout route. His next affair will be with Tony Galento, the two-ton beer barrel from Jersey City.

The champion jumped in and beat a two-fisted attack on Roper's face that dropped the latter in his own corner. Roper tried vainly to rise but his legs were paralyzed. He grasped the top rope and tried to pull himself up but fell over on his face. Referee Blake tolled off the count. The time was 2:20.

Louis Gets Busy

After two minutes of sparring, Louis closed in with a furious assault, and as they parted Roper's eye was about to spurt blood. Again, however, old Jack moved into the range of Joe's fists, and as his corner yelled for him to keep away, he wrestled Louis toward the Roper corner.

Louis, a snarling killer by this time, unleashed the knockout attack. Four rights and as many terrific left hooks landed on Roper's head.

Roper punched Louis as long as he possibly could, but the temper began to show in an aroused Louis, who was stung by his opponent's famed left, brought disaster. Knocked into his own corner, Roper was trying to pull himself from the canvas by the ropes as the count of eight was reached, but could not make it. As Referee Blake reached the count of ten, Roper slumped to the floor again and had to be carried to his corner.

California's first heavyweight championship prizefight in thirty years and Los Angeles' first in the history of the city proved to be as colorful as it was brief as among the 25,000 persons present were many of the glamour boys and girls from Hollywood's film colonies.

Jack Roper, born Secil Byron Hammond in Magnolia, Miss., 36 years ago, none the less seemed sincere in his hope of whipping the champion.

Champion Joe Louis will again go into hiding and will not be seen in action until he defends his title against the beer barrel from Jersey City, Tony Galento, sometime in the month of June of this year.

SPORTS - 1939

This Morning

With Shirley Povich

The man Gene Tunney believes is the only fighter extant with a chance to beat Joe Louis steps into a Washington ring on Monday night. He is Pat Comiskey, 19-year-old New Jersey lad whom Goldie Ahearn signed for his first promotorial venture since quitting the firm of Ahearn and Turner.

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Comiskey, at 19, is already a full-fledged heavyweight. The same rule that kept the late Young Stribling out of New York main bouts until he had reached voting age has been the reason that Comiskey has not fought more than a six-rounder. He has long been in demand but his youth has been a barrier. No young heavyweight, however, has intrigued fight men to the same extent that has the Jersey lad who has displayed the embryo assets of a champion.

In Washington last winter, Tunney was discussing the heavyweight situation. He made three positive statements, two of which have already been fully justified. Tunney said, firstly, "Tony Galento can't last long against Joe Louis. Louis will slaughter him." Well, Louis all but used the Yankee Stadium ring for a chopping block the night they sent Galento against him.

The second observation made by Tunney was: "Lou Nova hasn't a chance to win the heavyweight title. He is simply a horrible fighter." There was a bit of evidence that Tunney might have been wrong in his estmate of Nova when the Californian scored a technical knockout over Max Baer, but then came the Nova-Galento fight. In that bout Nova demonstrated thoroughly that he was not a smart figher, that he couldn't hit and that he could be hit too many times for his own good.

Tunney Thinks Comiskey Is Great Fighter

There was only one figure on the fistic scene who had even a chance to beat Joe Louis, Tunney said thirdly. His name was Pat Comiskey, and he was an 18-year-old New Jersey boy. "He hasn't fought anything more than a six-round bout yet," said Tunney, "but if he's brought along carefully he can be a great fighter, great enough perhaps to beat Louis some day. He's big, he's fast, and he appears to be able to take it. His actions are natural and he apparently likes to fight."

Apparently they are bringing Comiskey along carefully. On Monday he meets one Silent Joe Hill, of California, who never startled anybody by his exploits in the ring. He did knock out Lou Nova in two rounds, but that was when they both were amateurs. He fought on the Nova-Galento card in a preliminary and lost a decision to Abe Feldman, who is six years older than Nick Altrock.

Reminded of that fact yesterday, Promoter Ahearn pleaded for silence on that point. "Vy bring up things like that?" said Ahearn. "Mebbe Hill will not beat Comiskey, but he will geeve him a goot fight. I saw mit my own eyes the fight Hill gave Feldman and it was a very close decision. I won't make a nickel on the fight anyway, but I want my first show to be a good one."

The Comiskey-Hill fight will be Washington's first fistic venture since the ill-starred Archibald-Jeffra affair on October 2, and Ahearn disclaims responsibility for that fiasco. "The fight was a good one, but vy should they blame the promoters for a bad decision. Ve only hire the fighters, not the referee und the judges. You'll pardon my Southwest accent."

Dempsey Blasts Current Heavyweight Stock

Jack Dempsey unloosed a blast at current heavyweight stock yesterday when he told Philadelphia fans that "present-day heavyweights are a lot of third-raters who wouldn't have been good enough for sparring partners 20 years ago."

More interesting was Dempsey's comment on the outcome of a Joe Louis-Dempsey fight if Dempsey had met Louis in his heydey. "I think I could take it a little better than he can," said Dempsey. "The first man who landed solidly would win."

He would fight Louis the only way he knew how to fight, Dempsey said, "throw punches and keep throwing punches."

The Dempsey of 1919 would undoubtedly be the favorite to whip Joe Louis at his best. Betting men would agree with Dempsey that he "could take it" better than the present champion. Louis was sent to the floor by Max Schmelinfi Jimmy Braddock and Tony Galento.

Dempsey pays tribute to Louis' punch when he says the first man to land solidly would win. But landing solidly on Dempsey would have been a task for Louis. Dempsey was hit often, but rarely was he hit on the chin, a spot that Louis' opponents have not had much difficulty reaching. Figure out yourself the effects of a Dempsey left hook landing on Louis' chin.

Strode Steps Out as UCLA Proves Class, Dave Writes

By Dave Farrell

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 20.—In th toughest football game I have see all year, and that includes any I'v seen S. C. play, the Bruin from Westwood proved to the last doubt ing Thomas that he has one of th best teams in the country when h held back Buck Shaw's Broncos from Santa Clara to a scoreless tie And this was done without the services of the fleetwinged (he doesn't run—he soars) Jackie Robinson.

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And once again it was a superb Negro athlete who proved the hero. As usual Washington played a whale of a game—in fact when you consider that he was in for the entire 60 minutes and was going like blazes at the final gun it's hard to imagine that he was the number two man on the field. But such is the case. In my book—the big one in which I am recording all these incidents of trivia which make life sort of pleasant—Woodrow Wilson Strode, giant Negro end, stole the show. Woodrow was magnificent—superb—in fact only the limitations of decency keep me from using the proper superlatives. In other words he was the GDest guy you ever saw in moleskins! And between him and Kenny they made 75.7 per cent of the tackles on that field on Saturday. (The point seven is the edg I'm giving myself in arithmetic.)

I think Coach Babe Horrell coul have used Jackie if he had wanted to. In the limbering up exercises he did a lot of tricks that Lester Rodney—the best day he ever lived couldn't duplicate, without limping But the Babe wasn't taking any chances. Next week's game with Oregon State may mean a bumperoo that will take them out of the Rose Bowl running. So he was kind of smart in not using his great threat.

I haven't a yardstick. I can't count anything but first downs, in which UCLA outscored the Broncs 12-11. But I will say this—Mr. Bruin has plenty of whatever it takes to be in the ARROYOSECO on Jan. 1. Twice threatened by Clara, who had the ball on the Bruin 5 and 10-yard line, the Westwood Willies showed class and shoved back so hard that the plate in Buck Shaw's upper plate cracked into bits.

In the first half Kenny was a marked man; the three Bronc backs who were detailed to hold him—did; but took a terrific lacing for it. In the second half—or particularly the fourth canto, he wore out all nine of Buck's fine backs and trampled them down. Kenny started blos-

WOODY STRODE
(Third of UCLA's great Negro trilogy)

oming out as a thing of beauty—or horror, depending on where your sympathies lay—after having been in there for 55 minutes of play. If the game had lasted another minute there is no doubt in anybody's mind but that the Bruin would have scored. There wouldn't have been that tension which had the boys pulling a holding trick on Santa Clara's five-yard line with 15 seconds left to play, which netted them the usual fine of 15 yards Oh but whatthehell!

I mustn't overlook a sophomore named Leo Cantor, who played such a game at fullback that he had me chewing my neighbor's ear.

A couple of weeks ago, if the Constant Reader will remember, I stated that in the fourth quarter of the Oregon game the Bruin became a great football team. They proved it against Cal. They settled the argument against Santa Clara, a club which lost to Texas A & M only by a 7-3 score after leading most of the way.

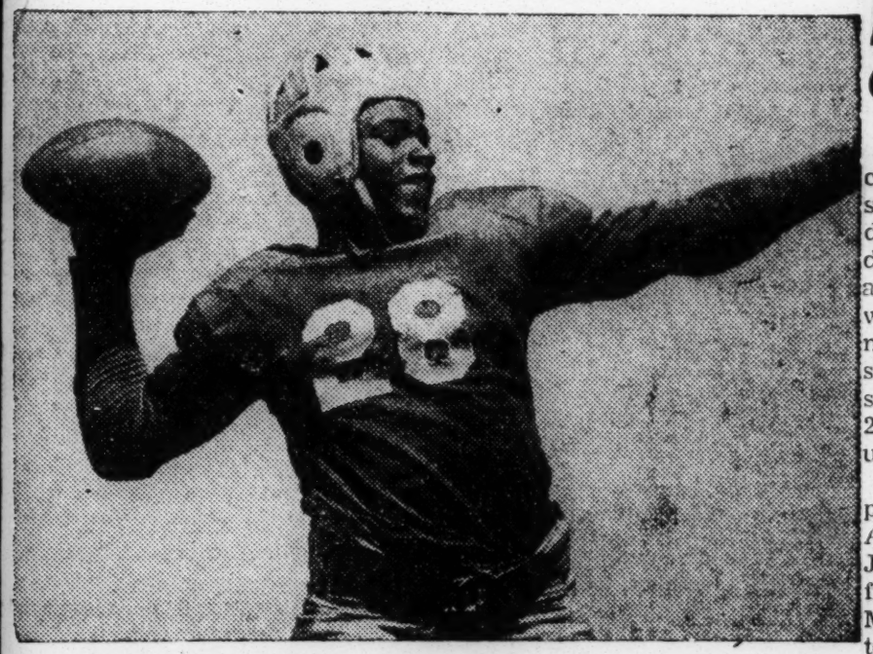
The line now charges low. The tackles do. And the ends have learned to knife and slash. As a matter of fact you guys had better eavesdrop on this: Lester, dust off that cut of Strode. The boy showed me the best game at end I have ever seen and deserves a cut on page 8. He hung on to passes. He cleared like a snowtractor for the ball toters. And on defense he was dumping so many Broncos that there are saddle-pits all over our Coliseum. The boy has finally played the kind of a game I have been anticipating—ever since I got slightly hysterical about him in the fall of '37.

All in all, I feel a lot better now about our chances on Dec. 9. I'll advise you to bet—if you're that nutty—on the game with Oregon State. I predict a 7-point margin.

So There.

UCLA Puts Rose Bowl Hopes on Two Negro Aces

Washington and Robinson Talk of Coast as Team Keeps Going Despite Weak Line— Meet Santa Clara Tomorrow



JACKIE ROBINSON—(covers 100 yards as fast as you can say his name).

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16 (UP).—University of California at Los Angeles has turned many of its opponents' mistakes into victories this year, an dis depending on the same kind of breaks to crack southern California's hold on the Pacific Coast crown and the chance to play in the Rose Bowl.

Both U.C.L.A. and U.S.C. have a tie against their records and are deadlocked for the conference lead. Judging comparative scores, the Trojans appear to be about two touchdowns better than the U. C. L. A., but not if Babe Horrell's club gets the breaks. Three times this season the erratic U.C.L.A. team has capitalized on the other eleven's errors to dodge defeat.

There are two good reasons why this happy habit cannot be attributed strictly to luck. One is Fleet Jackie Robinson and the other is Kenny Washington, the Bruin's great Negro backfield stars.

Washington, a 190-pound loping back, is the most deadly tackler on the team beside being the offensive workhorse. Against California, he scored on long runs and gained more yards than the entire Bear team. Sophomore Robinson intercepted passes both against Washington and Stanford and scored on lengthy gallops to bring the Bruins from behind. Then again, when Oregon fumbled near it own goal, he recovered and streaked 82 yards for a touchdown, outdistancing three tacklers who surely would have driven a slower runner over the sidelines.

Horrell is painfully aware of U. C.L.A.'s flimsy line and knows it is necessary to spring loose Washington or Robinson to win.

"We've played good teams and we've beaten them because we made the breaks pay," he said. "If we continue to go the way we have, I believe we have a good chance to take the title. But, I'm not making any predictions. We still think only in terms of next week's game here at U.C.L.A. — and that's worry enough."

The Bruins tackle Santa Clara here this week-end in a touch non-conference game which will be the last outing for U.C.L.A. until the crucial conference windup against Oregon State, Washington State, then Southern California.

RUSSIAN BEATS JONES' CHUTE MARK

MOSCOW, Nov. 16—A new record for parachute jumping was set here this week by Y. M. Solodovaik, a Soviet engineer. Solodovaik was credited with making a 32,838 foot parachute jump, which it is said was the first ever made from the region of the stratosphere. He wore a special suit and landed in 20 minutes and 2 seconds after drifting ten minutes.

The previous high record for a parachute jump was made last August 28 when Willie (Suicide) Jones, Negro daredevil, leaped from a plane 29,400 feet above Markham Field, Chicago. He bettered a record set by Captain Mikelai Evdokimoff in the jump of 26,575 feet over Moscow in 1934.

Lou Ambers Adventure Facing Negro Again Friday

NEW YORK, Nov. 25—(AP)—Scene three of the Henry Armstrong-Lou Ambers fisticuff follies will be put on in Madison Square Garden Friday night and bash boulevard is up in the air over whom to put its money on.

The first time they tussled, Armstrong took the Herkimer hurricane's lightweight championship away. Last Summer, Lou won it back, with the referee taking five rounds from Armstrong for hitting low.

Turning their backs on the 135-pound crown, they'll tangle this time for Armstrong's welterweight title over the regulation 15-round route.

At the moment, Armstrong rules a slight favorite, although a heavy cold has hampered his training. Ambers has been married since their last fight.

For Henry, who has indicated he's about ready to turn to writing, the fight may be his last

Should Ambers win, he may be faced with the same problem which confronted Armstrong when he became the first boxer in history to hold simultaneously the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight titles. Every logical contender in each division, and some who just thought they were, challenged him.

Finally, he abdicated the featherweight throne, then lost the 135-pound belt to Ambers after 46 consecutive victories.

Promoter Mike Jacobs expects a near-capacity turnout in Madison Square Garden and a gate of more than $50,000 wouldn't disappoint him at all.

Incidentally, the welterweight title has never changed hands in the Garden. Several challengers have tried, but none has been successful. In recent years, Barney Ross turned back Izzy Jannazzo's bid. Armstrong whipped Ceferino Garcia and later stopped gallant little Davey Day.

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LANGSTON NOW LONE UNBEATEN NEGRO ELEVEN

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 15—(AP)—The Langston (Okla.) Lions moved alone along an undefeated and untied trail today, heading the nation's negro football parade because three field goals eliminated a competitor.

The Lions leaped into undisputed leadership by beating Wiley 14-6, while Wilberforce, in general, and one John Washington in particular, exploded heavy favoritsm in the face of the Kentucky State Thoroughbreds. Kentucky State was knocked from the country's No. 1 spot by three field goals, all kicked by Washington, 242-pound tackle, in a startling upset, 9-6.

Langston's sixth straight victory left it with an uneasy grasp upon first place in the Southwest conference, since the pace-setters must go up against second-place Arkansas State in this week's feature attraction.

Florida A. & M., defending national champion and host to Orlando's "Orange Blossom classic" to which all negro title contenders are pointing, stopped North Carolina college, 20-7. Florida A. & M. will invite the 1939 National champs to the Dec. 9 game.

Grandfather Of Jazz Going Back To Beale Street

MEMPHIS, Tenn.— (AP) —There was jubilation the length of famed old Beale Street today as from door to door along this Negro thoroughfare the news echoed that the grandfather of jazz is coming home Friday.

"W. C. Handy's comin' to town!," the chant resounded. "He's gonna' bring his trumpet and we gonna' sing the blues."

To Beale Street—heart of a teeming Negro populace credited with inspiring Handy to write the first blues song—the periodic return of the aging rhythm man is always a sure sign there'll be big doin's afoot.

But this time there's reason to outdo all the sumptuous welcomes the avenue has given its favorite son in the past.

He's coming to help Beale Street inaugurate its own bowl football game—the "Blues Bowl," featuring two Negro teams—which on Dec. 1 will dedicate Booker T. Washington Stadium's new electric lights. Manassas High, of Memphis, will play Merry High, of Jackson, Tenn.

George W. Lee, political highlord of Memphis' Negroes, began to make plans when he got Handy's message, "I'm Beale Street bound for the big Blues Bowl game and the big parade."

Negroes And Whites Attend Same Coaching School In Texas

8-25-39

HOUSTON, Aug. 25—(By Fritz Cansler for ANP)—With 350 high school and college football coaches in attendance, four of them color-ed, the Texas Athletic association staged a week's school at the rich-ly endowed Rice institute, one of the state's leading universities. The coach of Indiana University, Bo McMillan, and Ray Wolf, coach at the University of North Carolina served in the role of instructors and present and assisting also were the well known Line Coach Hertberger of Rice and conditioners, Frank and Chuck Cramer of Gardner, Kan-sas.

Coach J. R. Edmonds, formerly leader of the Dallas "Bull Dogs" of Booker T. Washington high, now coach and athletic director of the new Lincoln high, Dallas, accom-panied by Coach Fields who suc-ceeded Edmonds at Booker T. Washington, attended the sessions, together with Coach John Codwell and Assistant Coach Countee of Wheatley high, Houston. Coach Ed-monds' statement following the close of the session was loud in his praise of the type of instruction given. Mr. Edmonds was particu-larly well pleased with his treat-ment and the way in which all of the Negroes in attendance were welcomed by the group composed largely of men from Texas and oth-er southern states.

He said, "Our treatment could not have been more cordial and not one untoward incident marred our stay. We were with other coaches, given seats at the game which was staged by selections from the group and were permitted to bring along friends from the city to watch the contest in spite of the fact that ordinarily the Rice stadium does not make provisions for Negro spectators at their reg-ularly scheduled games during the season. A sport writer on one of Houston's leading dailies asked me pointedly, 'Where are the other col-ored coaches of the state?'"

A fee of from $15 to $25 is charg-ed for the week's instruction, and it is likely that in future years a larger number of the coaches of Negro high schools and colleges will avail themselves of the school. In recent years not only have teams representing colleges of the south-west area, such as the famous "M U S T A N G S" of Southern Methodist University and the champion "Horn-ed Frogs" of Texas Christian Uni-versity, Ft. Worth, ranked among the leading footballers of the na-tion, but visitors have declared that the teams from Wiley College, Marshall, and Bishop College in the same city, Southern University, Ba-ton Rouge, Langston in Oklahoma, Texas college, Tyler, and others played a brand of ball seldom seen on any gridiron in the country.

Tuskegee Girls To Defend National A.A.U. Title Sept. 3

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Sept. 1—Six-teen members of the Tuskegee in-stitute women's National A.A.U. championship track and field team left the institute Monday, Aug. 28, to participate in the National A.A.U. women's track and field champion-ships which will be held at Water-bury, Conn., September 3.

Lula Mae Hymes, of Atlanta, Tuskegee senior, holder of the 100-meters run and broad jump titles, and who runs the anchor leg on the 400-meters relay team, heads the list of Tuskegee's fine per-formers.

This cinder-path phantom will defend her title in both events and will again run on the relay team. Her opposition will be exceedingly keen for some of the best women athletes of the nation will endeavor to wrest the crown from the Dixie marvel.

Rowena Harrison, born in the little town of Tuskegee, Ala., who ran to and from the Washington public school which she attended, merely for joy of running, long before she ever thought that her talent on the cinder path would lead her to national champion-ship competition, is another stand-out on the Tuskegee team.

Celestine Birge will participate in the 50-meters run and in all probability will capture this event as she has a consistent practice record of 6.6 seconds and if pushed should better this time.

Other members of the Tuskegee group with excellent track records are Margaret Barnes, whose home is in Kalamazoo, Mich., and who handles the javelin with proficien-cy, has established a fine record in the baseball throw; Hester Barbara Brown, Atlanta, 200-meters flash, and member of the "B" team, will see plenty of action for she can do several things well; Florence Wright, shot put artist; Hattie Hall, who hurls the discus; Leila Perry, hurdler; Augusta Butler, high jump, and Alice Coachman, also a high jumper.

While the Tuskegee champion-ship relay team is expected to establish a new record in the 400-meters run, members of this group will have to step lively all the way for the greatest array of relay teams ever entered in this event will participate.

The history of the team members is as follows:

Lula Mae Hymes was born March 1, 1917 at Atlanta. Miss Hymes was a member of the 1939 senior class of Tuskegee institute. She is the National A.A.U. champion in the 100-meters run an the running broad jump and she ran anchor on Tus-kegee's national championship 400-meters relay team. She will com-pete in these three events in Water-bury, Conn., this year. She was also voted the outstaning feminine track and friield athlete for 1938. At the annual meet held at Tuskegee in-stitute, May 12, she tied the world's record in the 100-meters run at 11.5 seconds.

Hattie Hall was born November 6, 1919 at Cincinnati, Ohio. Miss Hall is a new-comer to track and field, having taken up the sport since entering Tuskegee institute. In practice she has bettered the accepted world's record in the shot-put. She will also throw the discus at Waterbury.

Hester Barbara Brown was born October 13, 1921 at Atlanta. Miss Brown won second place in the 200-meters run in the 1938 National A.A.U. championships. She was also a member of the relay team "A" that won the national title. This year she will take part in the 200-meters run at Waterbury and lead-off for relay team "B." She has run the 200-meters in 25.6 in practice this summer.

Lucy Newell was born January 30, 1922, at Laurel, Miss. She will take part in the 100-meters run, broad jump and will run the anchor leg on relay team "B." Her best time in the 100-meters is 11.6.

Leila Perry was born October 8, 1921 at Atlanta. Miss Perry is a Tuskegee freshman. She has been converted from a sprinter into a 80-meters hurdler. She will also run the third leg on relay team "B." He best time over the hurdles is 12.1 seconds.

Augusta Butler was born in Snow Hill, Ala., January 26, 1923. She will compete in the running high jump. She has cleared the bar at a height of 5 feet, 1 inch in practice this summer.

Rowena Harrison was born No-vember 26, 1923, at Tuskegee, Ala. Miss Harrison will take part in the 100-meters run, in which event she has also tied the accepted world's record of 11.5 this spring. She will run the third leg on relay team "A."

Christine Long was born in Atch-ison, Kans.. March 4, 1920. Miss Long is a newcomer to track and field. She will take part in the high jump and the 200-meters run.

Alice Coachman was born No-vember 10, 1922 at Albany, Ga. Miss Coachman in the running high jump in practice has bettered the accepted world's record of 5 feet, 5¼ inches.

Lillie Purifoy was born Septem-ber 11, 1921 at Snow Hill, Ala. Miss Purifoy will take part in the 80-meters hurdlers and will stand by as substitute for team "B" in the 400-meters relay race.

Ernestine Rogers was born De-cember 2, 1921 at Atlanta. Miss Rogers has entered the 50-meters run and will run the second leg on relay team "B." She was a member of the Tuskegee team "B" that won at Naugatuck, Conn., last year. Her best time in the 50 is 6.7 seconds.

Margaret Barnes was born Sep-tember 3[illegible] 1918 in Kalamazoo, Mich. Miss Barnes is a junior at Tuskegee institute. She will take part in the javelin throw in which event she won second place at Naugatuck, Conn., last year. Her best distance with the javelin is 120 feet.

Celestine Birge was born October 1, 1921 in Boston, Mass. Miss Birge is a member of the freshman class at Tuskegee institute. She will take part in the 50-meters run and will again lead off for relay team "A," the national champions, as she did last year. Her best time in the 50-meters run was made this year at Prairie View, Texas, when she was timed in 6.6 seconds.

Jessie E. Abbott was born July 22 1918 in Des Moines. She is a mem-ber of the junior class at Tuskegee institute, and will run the second

leg on relay team "A" as she did last year, and throw the discus.

Helen Hutchinson was born October 22, 1921 in Tuskegee institute, Ala. She will take part in the 50-meters run and is also alternate on team "A." Her best time in the 50-meters run is 6.7 seconds.

Florence N. Wright was born at Roba, Ala. She is a veteran in A.A. U. track and field competition. She won second place in the shot put in 1936 at Providence, R. I.; second place at Trenton, N. J., in 1937; and second place at Naugatuck, Conn., in this event in 1938. Her best distance in the shot put is 40 feet. 6 inches.

TUSKEGEE'S ALL WOMAN SQUAD

First Row, sitting, reading from left to right: Celestine Birge, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Lucy Newell, Laurel, Mississippi; Lula Hymes, Atlanta, Georgia; Rowena Harrison, Tuskegee, Alabama; Helen Hutchinson, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

Second Row, kneeling: Margaret Barnes, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Lillie Purifoy, Snow Hill, Alabama; Leila Perry, Atlanta, Georgia; Hester B. Brown, Atlanta, Georgia Ernestine Rogers, Atlanta, Georgia; Alice Coachman, Albany, Georgia.

Third Row, standing: Mrs Christine Evans Petty, coach; Christine Long Atchison, Kansan; Augusta Butler, Snow Hill, Alabama; Florence N. Wright, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Jessie E. Abbott, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, and Hattie Hall, Cincinnati, Ohio.

TUSKEGEE WOMEN IN TEAM WIN

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33 Points Scored in Recent National A. A. U. Track Meet

WATERBURY, Conn.—The Tuskegee's Institute women's track and field team, 193 and 1938 National A.A.U. champions, scored a brilliant victory Sunday, September 3 in the Municipal stadium at Waterbury, Conn., by garnering 33 points.

Facing the keenest competition of the best entry list in the history of the event, in which the cream of the crop participated, Tuskegee scored two first places, four second places, three third places and one fourth place to outclass their nearest team rival.

The members of the classy Tuskegee relay team composed of Celestine Birge, Jessie Abbott, Rowena Harrison and Lula Hymes lowered their 1938 mark by running the 400 meters in the excellent time of 49.4 seconds.

First in High Jump

Alice Coachman whose home is in Albany, Ga., took first place in the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 2½ inches. Lucy Newel of Laurel Miss., a new member of the National champions, pushed the great Stella Walsh in the 100 meters run and garnered another second place for the winning Tuskegee team. Lula Hymes was fourth in this event. Hester Brown was second in the gruelling 200 meters. Hattie Hall and Florence Wright were second and thrid respectively in the shot put. In the broad jump Lula Hymes relinquished her hold on the title by taking second place in this event and Lucy Newell was third. Leila Perry placed third in the hurdles.

Summary of Tuskegee Winners

Lucy Newell second place in 100 meters run; Lula Hymes, fourth place in 100 meters run; Hester Brown, second palce in 200 meters run; Leila Perry, third place in the hurdles; Lula Hymes, second in the broad jump (Won American citizenship record); Lucy Newell third in the broad jump; Alice Coachman, first in the high jump (5 feet 2½ inches); Florence Wright, third in the shot put; Hattie Hall, second in the shot put; Relay team, first (Celestine Birge Jessie Abbott, Rowena Harrison, Lula Hymes. 400 meters - time 49.4 seconds.

Stella Walsh Sets World Mark; Tuskegee Wins

9-5-39

WATERBURY, Conn., Sept. 4 (UP).—Stella Walsh, of Cleveland, held a new world record for the running broad jump today. Miss Walsh leaped 19 ft. 4 in., to win the women's national A. A. U. title here yesterday, bettering her former record of 18 ft. 9¾ in., set in Dallas in 193

Tuskegee Institute of Alabama retained the team title, totaling 33 points. The Chicago Hurricanes were second

SPORTS-1939

Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

Lula Hymes, Mable Smith Lead Tuskegee's Crack Women's Track Team To Victory In Prairie View Relay Carnival

TWO ATLANTA GIRLS—Misses Lula Hymes and Mable Smith—personally accounted for more than a third of Tuskegee Institute's points last Saturday April 8, in the Prairie View Track and Field Meet sponsored by Prairie View College out in Texas. As a result of this fine work, the women cinderpath artists of Tuskegee, already proud possessors of the 1938 National A. A. U. Women's Championship, won the field and relay carnival handily with a grand total of 61 points.

MISS MABLE SMITH

Miss Hymes, voted the outstanding woman athlete in the country last year and awarded a special trophy emblematic of this rare honor, came through with a first place in the 100-yard dash for five points, another "first" in the discus throw for five units and a third ringer in the broad jump for another five points. Added to this, she ran anchor on Tuskegee's victorious 440-yard relay team. The quartet as a composite unit earned five points for this and Miss Hymes gets 1 1-4 points to her individual credit. All told, the gifted former Booker T. Washington High School star chalked up 16 1-4 points for top honors in this respect.

Miss Smith won the high jump and placed second in both the discus throw and running broad jump for a grand total of 11 points and runner-up honors. She and Miss Hymes tallied 27 1-4 of Tuskegee's 61 points.

Other young women excelling in the Prairie View meet for Tuskegee were Miss Margaret Barnes with first places in the baseball throw and shot put; Miss Celestine Birge with a first place in the 50-yard dash and a leg in the triumphant quarter mile relay; Miss Ernestine Rogers with second places in the baseball throw and 50-yard dash; Miss Hester Brown with a second place in the 100-yard dash and a leg in the quarter mile relay; and Miss Jessie H. Abbott, daughter of Athletic Director and Mrs. Cleveland L. Abbott, with a second place in the shot put and a leg in the relay win. Miss Dorothy Ballard was second in the high jump.

Besides, the dominance of the Tuskegee women also held in the concurrent tennis tournament run off as a sidelight of the relays. Miss Margaret Peters won the singles by beating her own sister, Miss Roumania Peters, in the finals. The two Washington, D. C. girls, holders of the national women's doubles title, teamed to win the same event in the Texas meet.

In the track and field events, the individual scoring among Tuskegee co-eds was as follows:

Lula Hymes	4*	0	16¼
Mable Smtih	1	2	11
Margaret Barnes	2	0	10
Celestine Birge	2*	0	6¼
Ernestine Rogers	0	2	6
Hester Brown	1*	1	4¼
Jessie H. Abbott	1*	1	4¼
Dorothy Ballard	0	1	3
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Eight First Places ..... 40 Points
Seven Second Places ..... 21 Points
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***—Five points for 440-relay victory divided equally among four members of team.**

MOZELLE (MULE) ELLERBE, the Drake Relays and NCAA 100-yard dash champion who also won over 20 races for America in European competition in the century and furlong last summer, was an easy victor in both the 100 and 200 yard events in the men's section of the Prairie View relay carnival.

Sams was second in the mile run and Slade came in second in the quarter mile. Tuskegee's crack mile team won in near-record time. The foursome was composed of Fretwell, Slade, Sams and Ellerbe .

In the tennis tournament, Tuskegee's standard bearers were Russell and Hampton who were finalists in the men's doubles.

Mozelle Ellerbe's feat of chalking up 11 1-4 points resulted in his scoring over half of Tuskegee's entire team total of 21. He had an appendectomy in the fall, but his fine performance in the Prairie View relays, one of the toughest meets in colored college ranks, proves he's ready for another fine season.

It is an interesting fact that, for all its fat hitting average, the Black Crax have won but one of their four exhibition encounters.

SUFFICIENT POWER IN BLACK CRAX RANKS; BIG NEED IS MORE CAPABLE TWIRLING

The four games the Atlanta Black Crackers have had to date prove the team has about as much punch as any good club needs if it is properly balanced. To date, the club has had 154 times at bat, scored 35 runs, and cracked out 50 hits for an average of .390. Exactly 20 of the hits (an even one third of them) have been for extra bases. This precludes any shortage in dynamite.

The big need is pitching and coordination. The latter will come with additional games and opportunities for collective team play. Twirling must be improved. In the four contests thus far, the Black Crax moundmen have given up 37 runs, an average of 9 1-4 counters a game. That's far too high, because it is asking too much for Atlanta batters to hit collectively at a .390 clip—which would, however, be necessary if the pitching the team is now getting continued.

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***—Five points for 440-relay victory divided equally among four members of team.**

MOZELLE (MULE) ELLERBE, the Drake Relays and NCAA 100-yard dash champion who also won over 20 races for America in European competition in the century and furlong last summer, was an easy victor in both the 100 and 200 yard events in the men's section of the Prairie View relay carnival.

Sams was second in the mile run and Slade came in second in the quarter mile. Tuskegee's crack mile team won in near-record time. The foursome was composed of Fretwell, Slade, Sams and Ellerbe .

In the tennis tournament. Tuskegee's standard bearers were Russell and Hampton who were finalists in the men's doubles.

Mozelle Ellerbe's feat of chalking up 11 1-4 points resulted in his scoring over half of Tuskegee's entire team total of 21. He had an appendectomy in the fall, but his fine performance in the Prairie View relays, one of the toughest meets in colored college ranks, proves he's ready for another fine season.

It is an interesting fact that, for all its fat hitting average, the Black Crax have won but one of their four exhibition encounters.

SUFFICIENT POWER IN BLACK CRAX RANKS; BIG NEED IS MORE CAPABLE TWIRLING

The four games the Atlanta Black Crackers have had to date prove the team has about as much punch as any good club needs if it is properly balanced. To date, the club has had 154 times at bat, scored 35 runs, and cracked out 50 hits for an average of .390. Exactly 20 of the hits (an even one third of them) have been for extra bases. This precludes any shortage in dynamite.

The big need is pitching and coordination. The latter will come with additional games and opportunities for collective team play. Twirling must be improved. In the four contests thus far, the Black Crax moundmen have given up 37 runs, an average of 9 1-4 counters a game. That's far too high, because it is asking too much for Atlanta batters to hit collectively at a .390 clip—which would, however, be necessary if the pitching the team is now getting continued.

Brand New Theory On Negro Track Skill

CHICAGO — (ANP) — Another 'explanation" of why colored athletes are frequently superior of white competitors was advanced last week in the Chicago Tribune by C. A. Bonniwell, white track star 45 years ago at the University of Pennsylvania and now a Chicago sales authority.

According to Mr. Bonniwell, the Negro's superiority in the sprints, middle distances, broad and high jump, shot put and boxing "when the number who compete is considered on a percentage basis" is due to the size of the adrenal glands. These sports require a relatively sudden explosion of energy.

"Certainly few Negro athletes convey the impression, when not in action, that they are almost the ultimate in agility and speed," said Mr. Bonniwell. "And neither do members of the cat family. It would seem, then, that both have a 'something' in common that is present in their competitors to a lesser degree—the size of the adrenal glands.

"Since it has been well established scientifically that a well developed adrenal gland makes for almost unbelievable agility and speed for short bursts, possible in members of the cat family, it is reasonable to conclude that this gland in most Negro athletes is larger than that gland in most of his competitors."

The theorist then pointed out that it takes three good sized arteries to supply each adrenal gland, and these glands surpass all other ductless glands in their intimacy of their connection with the nervous system. After listing functions and reactions from varied stimuli, Mr. Bonniwell said studes made by scientists to determine the agility and speed of certain members of the cat family showed the big size of the glands, while other animals similar in size but lacking the cat's agility and speed had smaller adrenals.

"It is interesting to note that the competitors against Negroes have been removed by a great many generations from conditions that necessitate their being on the alert," he said. "On the other hand, the Negro athlete is removed by a comparatively few generations from an environment that compelled him to be on the alert to avoid sudden death. It would seem reasonable to conclude that on the average the adrenal gland of the Negro would be relatively larger."

Mr. Bonniwell also pointed out that many athletes, possessing all the other qualities, failed to get into the championship class because, almost invariably "these athletes had had a severe attack of typhoid, measles, diphtheria or a similar disease. It has been established, in recent years, that a severe attack of any of these diseases has a serious effect on the adrenal glands and no matter how hard such athletes train, the damaged gland would never be able to build up sufficient energy to make an athlete of championship caliber.

Recently a writer in the Chicago Daily News produced a different theory on Negro athletic dominance, saying it was due to "softer muscles" which responded more quickly than do the harder and ess springy muscles of whites. The

vriter said these softer muscles came from long use in manual labor by foreparents who left strenuous physicial activity in Africa for equally hard work as slaves in America.

Many other theories have been advanced, the most popular being that colored competitors have "a longer Achilles tendon." The idea of special physicial equipment is raised as a defense mechanism by Caucasians who want some way to find comfort at losing to Negroes in competition. However, when whites defeat Negro athletes these apologists merely say it is because whites are a "superior race."

Defends Golf Title Soon

ALFRED F. HOLMES

—Tuskegee senior, popularly known as "Tup" who will defend his Southern Intercollegiate Golf Tournament crown on the links at Tuskegee Institute next month.

The brilliant young amateur golfer is a member of the New Lincoln Country Club in Atlanta and is the son of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Holmes. "Tup" is a great match player. His "short game" is something to write home about.

NEGRO BASEBALL TEAMS PLAY HERE

Two of the outstanding Negro baseball teams in the United States will play here at Luther Williams park Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock.

The St. Louis Stars, runner-up to the Kansas City Mohawks, champions of the Negro American baseball league, will meet the Cleveland Bears, another major league club.

The Bears were formerly the Jacksonville Red Caps.

The St. Louis team is made up of young players, having a team average of 23 years. It was organized in 1937 as the Mound Citys, and played semi-pro ball, winning 104 games and losing 21 that season.

In 1938 the Stars turned professional, joining the ranks of the Negro American league. They finished third that year under the name of the Indianapolis A.B.C.s.

Their franchise was moved to St. Louis in 1939. They finished two games behind the Mohawks who played here earlier this season.

Dan Wilson, leadoff man for the St. Louis club, is considered the best player in the Negro major circuit. He plays third base, shortstop or second and bats consistently above the .300 mark.

Admission of 40 cents will prevail.

AMBERS GIVEN POSTPONEMENT

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—(AP)—The world's welterweight championship fight between Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers, scheduled for Madison Square Garden, November 1, was postponed a month today until December 1.

The postponement followed a conference between members of the New York State athletic commission, Promoter Mike Jacobs and Al Weill and Eddie Mead, managers of Ambers and Armstrong Ambers also was present.

Ambers, who is to be married Thursday at Herkimer, N. Y., had asked for an indefinite postponement. When both the commission and Jacobs refused to consider this, the December date was agreed.

FIRST OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BE HELD AT 'KEGEE JULY 7 - 9

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala., June 29. — The First Open Golf tournament of the Tuskegee Golf club for amateurs and professionals will be held on the R. C. Atkins Golf course at Tuskegee Institute, July 7, 8, and 9, Dr. Edwin H. Lee, chairman of the tournament committee, announced recently.

The tournament is expected to assemble many of the outstanding players of this section and indications are that it will definitely place golf in the forefront along with tennis and other sports attracting the attention of the lovers of sports.

The amateur qualifying round will be run off on Friday, July 7. The final round will be played on Saturday and on Sunday the professionals will tee off for the cash prizes which will be offered to the winners in this group. Handsome trophies have been selected for the amateurs.

Crack golfers expected to participate include Dr. Russell Brown, Louis E. Rabb, Dr. J. J Peters, William C. Curtis, Mrs. C L. Abbott, A. F. Bradley, Lloyd Isaacs, Dr. Edwin H. Lee, Dr. J A. Kennedy, William M. Washington, Dr. Charles Prudhomer R. S. Doakes, G. W. A. Scott Mrs. B. B. Welcott, Dr. W. S. Allen, William O'Shields, Mrs. W S. Allen, Miss Jessie Beasley Miss Marjorie Franklin, Miss Edna Mason, George C. Busby, Dr Alan P. Smith, and Alonza Davis Tuskegee Institute.

Howard Wheeler, who won the colored national open tournament in Chicago last year, has indicated that he and other golfers from Atlanta will participate. John Brooks Dendy, Asheville, N. C., Solomon Hughes, Gadsden, Ala.; John Roux, Ben Greene, New Orleans, La., Joe Henderson, Birmingham, Ala.; Max Paul, Columbia, S. C., and Howard Pitts, Columbus, Ga., are expected to assemble for the tournament which is attracting considerable attention.

More than a dozen of the leading women golfers will enter the tournament and will endeavor to capture some of the handsome trophies which have been collected.

Finish 7th In White Golf Meet

Joe Hudson and Calvin Bryant, both members of the Fairview Golf Club, finished in seventh place in the Jack Kelly Democratic golf tourney held last Thursday on Marble Hall course.

The entry of the two men marked the first time Negroes have ever participated in a white tournament in this state.

The men were seventh in a field of 125. However, they received a prize for being the highest ranking golfers from the 34th Ward.

The meet was open to all "good Democrats" and the entry of the duo created a wave of consternation among the officials at the tourney.

Hudson, a veteran member of the Fairview club, was chairman of the successful Pennsylvania Open tourney which was recently held at Cobbs Creek Park and which drew colored golfers from all sections of the country.

MAKING HISTORY

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., June—Alfred Holmes, Tuskegee senior and Southern Intercollegiate golf champion for 1938-1939, has been entered in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Championships, scheduled for the Wakonda Country Club Course at Des Moines, Iowa June 26 to July 1.

Tuskegee is again making athletic history by being the first school to enter big time intercollegiate golf.

Color Line Bars Southern Golf Champ 'Tut' Holmes

Alfred "Tutt" Holmes, 1938 and 1939 Southern conference golf champion and student at Tuskegee institute, was turned back from the national intercollegiate golf play in Des Moines on instructions from his home city, Atlanta. Telegrams said that Holmes' entry fee and application had been returned.

It is believed that Holmes' racial identity caused the action. Young Holmes came here with his father, Dr. H. M. Holmes of Atlanta, and his sister, Miss Alice Carey Holmes, who is doing special work at Howard university.

A wire from Charles Howard, Des Moines attorney, said the Des Moines committee only furnished the place and the publicity for the national meet this year. The national committee in charge of the tournament is located here in Chicago with Chick Evans as the head. Efforts to get in touch with Evans were futile. He was not at the District Golf association in the LaSalle hotel, nor was he at his office, Superior 5410. His secretary said he left while she was out to lunch and didn't say when he would be back.

Dr. Holmes is a graduate of Shaw university and the Leonard school of medicine, Raleigh, N. C., and has been a practicing physician in Atlanta for 29 years.

ELLERBE HAS FAITH IN NEW "PEANUT OIL"

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, ALA., July 27.—George T. Davis, Sports Editor of the Evening Herald and Express, Los Angeles, has this interesting comment in his column, "For Sake of Sports:" "Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee's great Negro sprinter, is counting upon the peanut oil—discovered by the outstanding Negro scientist, Dr. George Washington Carver—to loosen his leg muscles so that he can beat Clyde Jeffrey, of Stanford, and Wilbur Greer, of Michigan State, in the N. C. A. A., sprints Saturday at the coliseum."

"'This peanut oil of Dr. Carter' has proved particularly beneficia to me,' Ellerbe declared, 'and he' using me like a human guinea pig Maybe Dr. Carver's far-reachin experiments will revolutionize athletics as they have done other industries'."

"Ellerbe and his coach, Bil O'Shields, have no great fear o Greer but they have a wholesome respect for Jeffrey.. 'I have run against Jeffrey in nine races,' Ellerbe told me, 'and have won five times. I beat him four straight in the hundred last year, both in this country and abroad, and once in the 220. He beat me once at 150 yards and three times at 220 meters. Jeffrey is a great runner and a mighty fine fellow, as well. If he beats me, I'll be satisfied that he's the better man—at least on that day'."

Darnaby and Points Confer on Annual Classic

CHICAGO, July 27.—Captain R S. Darnaby, representing the Committee on the Regulations of Athletics at Tuskegee Institute, and I. S. Lane, Graduate Manager of Athletics at Wilberforce University, and Charles F. Points, member of the Wilberforce Athletic Committee, conferred here this week and completed arrangements for the annual Tuskegee-Wilberforce football game which will be held at Stagg Field, Friday night, October 13. Following the conference, Captain Darnaby and Mr. Lane said the game committee officials had been assured of the hearty cooperation and sympathetic interest of the leading civic, business and social organizations of Chicago.

This year marks the tenth anniversary of the Tuskegee-Wilberforce game series. Effort is being made to make this annual gridiron attraction the most successful as well as the most spectacular in the long series of engagements.

The Chicago-Tuskegee Club and the Chicago-Wilberforce Club have already begun activities to focus attention upon the game and have joined in a ticket selling campaign which will continue until the date of the Mid-West Classic.

Dixie Satisfied When Louis Kayoed Galento

Southern Sports Writers and Lovers Didn't Like Two-Ton's Boasting—Said He Talked "Like Mussolini"—Have Deep Liking For Champion.

LAFAYETTE, Ala., July 6.—(Special)—The bloody knockout of "Two-Ton Tony" Galento, Wednesday night by Joe Louis, world's heavyweight champion pugilist, who was born on the small Buckalew Mountain farm near here that his grandfather still operates, came as no surprise to Southern sports writers and sports lovers. It was what they had expected.

There were no bets to be found on Galento as even a possible winner. The only money won and lost was on how many rounds he would last. Only plungers would bet he would still be in the ring after the fourth, and that sort of money found few takers.

LOUIS WAS FAVORITE ALL THROUGH SOUTH

Queries on the probable outcome of the fight brought the inevitable comment, "Joe will take him; it's just a question of how long he'll be about it." Louis was everywhere the favorite, not only from a standpoint of fighting superiority, but personality.

The champion has conducted himself with a dignity and modesty so notably lacking in Galento, that has made a profound impression in this section of the country. Southerners don't like braggarts or boasters.

Galento's frequent references to Louis as a "bum," and his assurances that he would "flatten" the champion in record time, won him no plaudits in the South.

There are comparatively few foreigners in the Southern states, and the fact that Galento is of Italian parentage did nothing toward boosting his popularity. The observation was often heard following one of Galento's sallies of abuse against Louis, that "he talks like Mussolini."

News of the knockout when it came over telegraph and radio, was received with no surprise at all, and with quiet though obvious general satisfaction, especially here in Louis' home state and county.

Armstrong Loses Suit for $10,227

WARSAW, Ky.—(ANP)—Judgment for $10,227.50 against Henry Armstrong, lightweight and welterweight champion, was returned in circuit court here Monday. The damage suit was the aftermath of a collision involving Armstrong's car and that of Hazel Reynolds, 25, white, physical education instructor at Covington. Armstrong was not represented at the trial.

Race Athletes Cop Three Titles At A. A. U. Meet

By ELWOOD RANDOL

LINCOLN, Nebr., July 7—Three junior championships were won here by Race athletes Monday, July 3, in the fifty-first annual running of the junior division of the National A.A.U. track and field championships on the campus of the University of Nebraska.

Fred Alliniece of Prairie View State Teachers college came within one-tenth of a second of equalling the existing record in the 400-meters dash as he swept the field to win the crown, defeating Bob Christian, white runner from the University of Wichita. In fourth place was Vernon Akins of the Kansas State Teachers college at Pittsburg. Alliniece made the circuit in 48.5 seconds while the record, held by Paul Sanders of Rice institute is 48.4.

A Kansan, Walter Revelle of Kansas State Teachers copped the 200-meters hurdle event, coming within four-tenths of a second of equalling the record. Vincent Reel, white, Southern California Athletic association, gave Revelle a close run for his money.

In the first qualifying heat of the hurdle race, Revelle and Reel ran neck and neck taking the hurdles in stride. It wasn't until the last hurdle that Revelle finally got an edge on the Californian and his spurt to the tape brought him in ahead of the field.

Reel seemed to have lost some of his steam in the finals, although he was a close contender all the way and Revelle bore down, turning in a :23.9 to endanger the :23.5 set up in 1933 by Heye Lambertus of Nebraska.

William Henderson of Wayne university, Detroit, came through with the third championship of the day for the Race boys as he copped the hop, step and jump event with a distance of 46 feet, 9½ inches. Behind him in second place, was Walter Arrington of Michigan State college.

An upset of the day was scored when Campbell Kane, white, of the University of Indiana, came up with a strong finish to beat Curtis Giddings of the Grand Street Boys' association to the tape in the 800-meters run. Giddings took the lead on the first back stretch but Kane came from behind to take the lead and never relinquish it during the rest of the race.

Joe Batiste, the sensational high school boy from Tucson, Ariz., contented himself with a second place and a tie for second for his afternoon's work. After winning his heat of the 110-meters hurdles preliminaries, Batiste ran second to Marsh Farmer, one-armed white boy from Texas Tech who chalked up a new record for the event, turning in a time of 14.2 seconds. The old mark was :14.5 made by Dan Caldemeyer of Indiana in 1936.

Batiste tied for second and third places with Bill Stewart, white, Torrance, Calif., high school boy, in the high jump. The event was won by Les Steers, white, of the Olympic club who hung up a new mark when he cleared the bar at 6 feet, 7⅞ inches. Nevel Rushforth, of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, set the former record when he cleared the bar at 6 feet, 5⅝ inches.

Bill Lewis, St. Louis Relay association and freshman at the University of Illinois, got only a third place in the broad jump for his day's work. In the 200-meters dash, Lewis failed to qualify.

215-Pound Morehouse Fullback Rips, Tears In Scrimmage Saturday

The many football fans who frequented the Old Red Hill last Saturday afternoon to watch the 1939 Morehouse College eleven hurry through their second scrimmage of the season, seemed quite impressed with the potentialities of the current Tiger squad. During the early part of the practice, all eyes were focused on Charles Jones, Morehouse's much heralded newcomer. Fresh from the Detroit, Michigan, 1938 All City grid team, Jones was no disappointment. He flared up in Saturday's scrimmage session like a torch at night as he plunged center with the charge of a wild bull or hit off tackle for large gains. For his 215 pounds, Jones is mighty fast. He has the get off of a Ford V-8 and carries the pigskin in a businesslike manner. A dangerous man, football fans will enjoy seeing this motor city lad in action.

Outstanding as a great ground gainer in Saturday's fracas was Matthew Carter, senior halfback of Massilon, Ohio. Carter was most impressive on end runs and off tackle plays. He rounded the flanks or knifed his way through the line intermittenly for 25, 2, 9, 7, 10 1-2, 9, 6, 6 1-2, 10 and 12 yard gains averaging 9 yards per

David Adams, of Atlanta, is a greatly improved player this year. Heavier and more experienced, David can cut on a dime and leave 9 and a half cents spending change. Should he continue to develop at the same rate of speed, he is certain to be a head line player before the end of the season.

Morehouse's awful twins—Alvin Swartz of Monroe, La., and Bubber Mitchell, of Gary, Ind., were at it again on Saturday. Having wrought much havoc last year in the grid camps of Knoxville, LeMoyne, 'Bama State, and Fisk, these Maroon stars are picking up where they left off last season. After having lost six yards the first time he carried the ball, Bubber Mitchell made up the deficit by returning a punt 70 yards for a touchdown. Mitchell also scored again before he left the field of play. Heaving them from the port side, Mitchell also excelled as a passer.

Alvin Swartz averaged 5 yards per play and a touchdown before an injured ankle removed him from the game. A medical examination revealed that the injury was not a serious one.

Operating from variations of the wingback formation, Chin Evans, Captain Joe Allen, Joe Lyles, David Adams, A. T. Robinson, and Lilton Montgomery, also showed up well.

A first selected line composed of Alternate Captain Ike Blocker and John Lewis, ends; Albert Whatley and Fats Hinton, tackle; Cassius Ward and Murray Townsend, guards and Charles Whatley, center; clicked for the most part with team-like precision. Several rough spots, however, were noticeable.

According to the score chart Morehouse has a scoring team this year. Those making touchdowns for the White team in Saturday's scrimmage were: Alvin Swartz, Bubber Mitchell (2), Charles Jones, Cassius Ward, Catfish George and Daniel Earl Smith. Marvin Collier and James Slack scored touchdowns for the Red team.

Other Maroon grid figures who deserve more mention than space will permit are Red Powell, tackle; Isen Whatley, end; John Driskell, guard; Charles Ama, and George Nelms, centers; Albert Miller guard; MacAdoo Williams, end; and Leon Elam, guard.

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White Ball Team Honors Negro Mascot Who Died

Honored by his white friends, Phillip (Shorty) Williams, the "Gunga Din" of New Orleans baseball, was buried yesterday in a grave richly adorned by men of the profession which he loved. "Shorty," 36-year-old Negro, had been water-boy and trainer of the Comiskey White Sox baseball team and general handyman around the Hi-Way baseball park for about 14 years.

The team comprising all whites, believed that he brought them luck, and considered the Negro their mascot. Ed Comiskey, sponsor of the White Sox team, said that "Shorty" was known to every baseball player in the city.

When Shorty died Friday, suddenly. after a short illness, baseball circles were shocked and grieved as if a tradition had gone. So they did the only thing possible to show him their regard.

They attended, individually and collectively, the wake for him which lasted two nights.

Mr. Comiskey sent the blanket of flowers which covered the casket; the ball park and White Sox team each sent flowers. "Shorty" was buried in the Carrollton cemetery. As one of the mourners said "It was a right handsome funeral."

Blows To Belt Not Illegal

By HAYWARD JACKSON

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 15—Nat Fleischer, boxing authority and editor of the widely read Ring magazine, believes that Referee Arthur Donovan and the judges, who awarded Lou Ambers the decision over Henry Armstrong in New York, erred in their verdict.

The popular ring savant refereed the Camarata-Rodak, white, fight here.

"My card was exactly the same as Arthur Donovan's" the boxing expert declared in an interview, "but because I followed his forfeiture of the five rounds, two of the rounds should not have been taken from Armstrong, though, and I'll use the seventh round to illustrate.

"The blow that was supposed to be low hit squarely on the belt. I saw it. Other writers saw it. I have pictures to prove it. Now, had this round not been forfeited, Armstrong would have won the fight on points.

Yelled at Donovan

"'When Donovan called down to one of the judges that he was taking that round away from Armstrong I yelled to him, 'But it was on the belt, Arthur.' And Donovan answered me saying, 'Well, it was low, so I am taking it away from him.' The same thing happened in the eleventh round.

"Then in the fourteenth Armstrong had Ambers on the verge of a knockout. I think had the champion stepped away a few times, Lou would have collapsed from exhaustion, if nothing else. Now every writer in the Garden, along with Donovan and one judge gave that round to Henry. But one of the judges didn't—and his card, had he decided the round as the other men did, would have also given Armstrong the fight, even with the low blows."

Columbia S C Record
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Ne[illegible]oaches To Meet Here

More than 60 coaches and officials of the South Atlantic association will meet Saturday, September 16, at Benedict college, for their annual rules interpretation and discussion meeting.

A full program for the day has been planned. In the morning the business of the sessions and committee meetings will be held.

Rules discussion will begin in the afternoon under the direction of Coach Leslie Stallworth, Benedict college, and his committee which includes Lief L. Cain, Augusta, Ga., president of the association, Coach T. V. Swinton, Allen university, A. G. Smith, Benedict college, and Henry Williams, Columbia. Short talks on officiating and new rules changes will be given by prominent Southern association officials who have been invited.

Rating of officials and examinations and certifciation of new applicants will be done by the following committee, L. D. Perry chairman, Augusta, Ga.; W. C. Ervin, Augusta; J. M. Tutt, Augusta W. E. Griffin, Savannah, Ga.; Walter Dean, Columbia.

Group Behavior At Football Games

Persons who have opportunity to watch the conduct at different football games, especially police officers and near-by parking lot attendants, have found that marked differences exist in the behavior of different groups.

While exceptions occur, the best-behaved crowds are usually those which attend football games between Negro schools. Next in conduct are the high school games. Then come the small colleges, such as Howard and Birmingham-Southern locally. The worst games, in point of conduct among the spectators, are those between large colleges.

A number of reasons might be advanced for this. The Negroes interested in college life and activities come for the most part from the most law-abiding elements of their race. High school students, while enthusiastic and boisterous, are generally pretty well disciplined. Furthermore, ideals of sportsmanship are drilled into them regularly at school, here in Birmingham at least. At college games, as far as the local institutions are concerned, a stronger religious influence is at work to keep down rowdyism among students and alumni than in the case of some other games. Also, it is generally alumni, rather than students, who cause trouble at football games; alumni feel a keener sense of loyalty to their colleges than to their high schools and consequently attend the college games more. And finally, it is the better played college games that draw spectators from the general public, many of whom are out for a general good time, regardless of law and decency.

But with all these reasons, it still remains a discredit to the white race that crowds at Negro football games are better behaved. It is still a reflection on "higher learning" that crowds at college games are more disorderly than those at high school games. It does little good to the claims that big schools produce a broader culture when football meetings between the larger colleges draw more rowdy crowds than do the games of smaller colleges. And such phrases as the wisdom of age and years of discretion mean nothing when alumni behave worse than undergraduates.

Tuskegee Tigers Give Dopesters Warning In New Orleans Stand

Daily World
By CHARLES DELAY

NEW ORLEANS, La.—(SNS)—Xavier University eked out a hard-earned 2-0 victory over Tuskegee in a brilliant grid iron encounter here Saturday, the Alabamans completely outplayed the heavier team in the second half.

Xavier earned the two-talley as the result of an automatic safety in the second quarter when Chuck Summers, Xavier's fast 210-pound center, blocked Tuskegee Halback Pearson's kick on his own two-yard line.

More than 3,000 fans witnessed the thrilling air attack of the Tigers in the second half which found the visitors threatening during the entire period.

The Tuskegee Tigers actually outgained and out-downed the Gold Rush making 102 yard by running and 105 yards through passing as compared to 85 yards gained through running by Xavier.

The Gold Rush team was only able to score four first downs to seven made by Tuskegee.

Summers Elliot Paxton Williamson and Gravely were outstanding for Xavier, while Pearson, Carter and Slade starred for Tuskegee.

Elliot's punting for Xavier was by far the outstanding feature of the game. Several times when the visitors were within striking distance, his educated toe sent the ball deep in their territory.

The Xavier team was composed mostly of freshmen and sophomores. A few juniors and only two seniors are on the squad.

Tuskegee Banks Upon Frazier-Slade Combo

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala.—(SNS)—When Tuskegee and LeMoyne college of Memphis, Tenn., engage in their annual opener in the Bowl on Saturday afternoon September 23, the fans may expect and both teams will be prepared to watch for long sweeping end runs as well as an assortment of aerials.

Albert Frazier, who will be in the driver's seat for the Golden Tiger team with Louis Slade on the receiving end, will be in condition to do a fine job of overhead heaving for the Cadets. Frazier has been under the special supervision of Henry Harrison, former Tuskegee gridiron star, and a past master with the spot, bullet and submarine pass, and he has given this boy Frazier the "inside," on the how, when and where to spring the air raid.

Interest in the 1939 edition of the Golden Tiger Machine is exceedingly high. Students, faculty members and townspeople, and a large group from neighboring towns will be on hand for the first game—all anxious to get some idea of the potential strength and possibilities of the 1939 team. The coach has indicated that the men in all probability play under wraps and will sot actually open up until the Tigers meet the Bulldogs of Wilberforce at Soldier Field in Chicago, Friday night, October 13.

While Jack Adkins, the ponderous pilots of the Memphis Marvel Men did not wish to have it made public yet Coach Abbott's outpost man has furnished information to the effect that the Yellow Jackets have the strongest and most versatile team that has ever represented LeMoyne college. Memphis is sending special writers to cover the game for home town consumption. That is sufficient indication that the team with the spaghetti shift has something.

The probable starting line-up for Tuskegee is Slade, left end; Sharp, left tackle; Hornburger, left guard; Hollins, center; Walker, right guard; Stewart, right tackle; Fretwell right end; Frazier, quarterback; Pearson, left halfback; Smith, right halfback; Everett, fullback. Officials: Cravens, referee; Gaston, umpire, Easterly, headlinesman.

The game will start promptly at 2:30.

coaching staff will be working their heads off to get them right for Lane. Just what they will do is another, and ground for tall speculation. It will be mostly a freshman team built around three or four good men. Lane College will furnish their acid test and they are hoping for the best. There will be several scrimmages this week in order to show the men their shortcomings and in an effort to correct them.

Hard blocking that was missing in the Saturday game will be stressed by the coaching staff. There wasn't any blocking at all and this angle worried the coaches more anything. There must be blocking and deadly tackling to win football games and this line of preparation will get the major share of the work this week.

ARMSTRONG TO FIGHT TWICE DURING WEEK

Will Risk Crown Friday Against Scott; Meets Manfredo Monday

(From Yesterday's Final Edition)

NEW YORK, Oct. 8—(AP)—Henry Armstrong, welterweight champion, appearing in two bouts, is the feature attraction on this week's national boxing program.

He tangles with Al Manfredo, of Fresno, Calif., in a 10-round nontitle contest at Des Moines, Iowa, Monday night. Three sports writers will give decision, since Iowa has no boxing commission and referees cannot give decisions. Manfredo, beaten by Armstrong on a technical knockout in Cleveland last Winter, has two decisions over Ceferino Garcia.

Armstrong will put his crown on the line when he clashes with Howard Scott, of Washington, D. C., in a 10-round bout Friday night at Minneapolis.

The program:

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Thursday—At Baltimore, Md., Tommy Speigal, Pittsburgh, vs. Charley Burns, Johnstown, Pa., lightweights (10). At Philadelphia, Mike Desteffano, Philadelphia, vs. Georgie Gibbs, Philadelphia, middleweights (6).

Friday—At Minneapolis, Henry Armstrong, Alameda, Calif., vs. Howard Scott, Washington, D. C., welterweights (10 rounds, for title). At Worcester, Mass., Howell King, Detroit, vs. Henry Chmielewski, Boston, middleweights (10). At Hollywood, Calif., Nick Peters, San Antonio, vs. Jimmy Garrison, Kansas City, lightweights (10). At Waterbury, Conn., Doug Marsh, Montreal, Canada, vs. Babe Synott, Fall River, Mass., welterweights (6). At Philadelphia, Benny Bass, Philadelphia, vs Norman Rahn, Philadelphia, lightweights (10).

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A long pass, Moody to Duffield, near the closing minutes of the second quarter placed the ball in scoring position. Grimes went over from the 10-yard line for the first touchdown. Grimes also made a 25-yard run for the second tally, and Joe Mitchell scored as the result of a long pass for the final marker, toward the end of the fourth quarter. Tuskegee carried the ball into Morris Brown territory where the game ended.

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Negro Coast Stars Continue To Romp the Grid for UCLA

Jackie Robinson Gets Off 82-Yard Jaunt for Score; Both Players Rate All-American Consideration

By HERMAN HILL

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Fifty thousand grid-crazy fans witnessed one of the greatest exhibitions of single, indiviual brilliance ever shown on the Pacific Coast last Saturday at Memorial Colisum when Jackie (Jitterbug) Robinson, one-man threat in collegiate football this week, broke the University of Oregon's heart with a swerving 82-yard touchdown run and a circus catch of a perfectly thrown 58-yard pass by Ken Washington which he turned into a second score, after running 8 yards more, leaving two Oregon offenders flat-footed, and assuring U. C. L. A. of a 16 to 6 victory.

Wild Second Period

Oregon's versatile offense began to click in the first quarter and they soon scored on a sustained drive over half the length of the field. Washington was immediately injecetd back in the lineup and with U.C.L.A. getting no place via the ground, Kenny dropped back and shot a long, arching 58-yard heave to Robinson who took it over his shoulder on the dead run on the eight. That worthy proceeded to dodge the Oregon safety man and left half in a beautiful exhibition of change of pace and speed. This made the score 9-6.

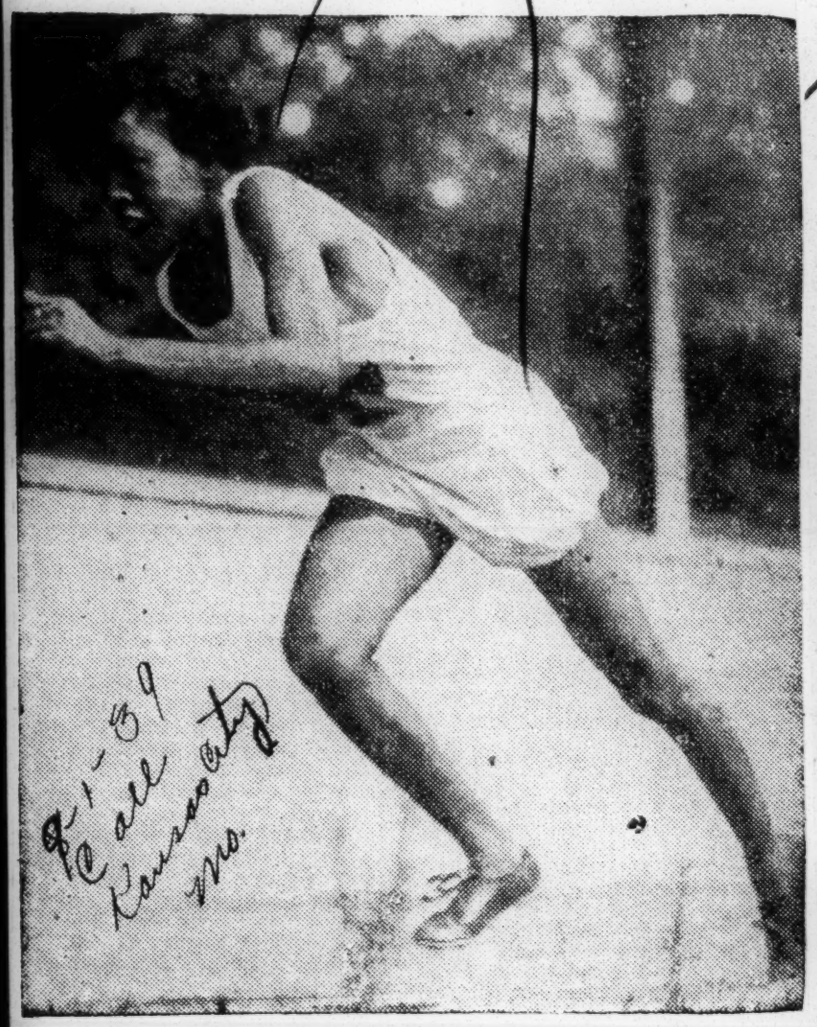
He's Off Again

Shortly after the second half opened, Washington bounced through center for 19 yards but Oregon held. Taking advantage of a blocked kick the Oregonions, drove relentlessly down to the 1-yard line, only to fumble at that point. U.C.L.A. recovered and advanced the ball to the 19 to set the stage for Robinson's great gallop. Swinging wide after taking the ball from Washington on a hidden ball play, Jackie suddenly cut back on a dime over tackle, shook himself free and ran 82 zigzagging yards to a score. He was seemingly trapped several times on the side line, but out ran, pivoted and cut in to leave half a dozen orange clad tacklers in his wake.

Bartlett Shines

This run took a lot of starch out of the Northerners and the balance of the game resolved itself into a rather tame session, although U.C.L.A. almost scored again when Ray Bartlett, sepia end who played a lot of defensive football for the Bruins, broke through and blocked a punt.

Leaves for A.A.U. Meet



LULU HYMES, backbone of the Tuskegee Institute Women's Track and Field team, headed the list of potential point winners in the meet which will be held Sunday, September 3, that left Tuskegee today to enter the A. A. U. meet.

Tuskegee Institute 1939 Women's Track and Field Team

First row, sitting, reading from left to right: Celestine Birge, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Lucy Newell, Laurel, Miss.; Lula Hymes, Atlanta, Ga.; Rowena Harrison, Tuskegee, Ala.; Helen Hutchinson, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Second row, kneeling: Margaret Barnes, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Lillie Purifoy, Snow Hill, Ala.; Leila Perry, Atlanta, Ga.; Hester B. Brown, Atlanta, Ga.; Ernestine Rogers, Atlanta, Ga.; Alice Coachman, Albany, Ga.

Third row, standing: Mrs. Christine Evans Petty, coach; Christine Long, Atchison, Kas.; Augusta Butler, Snow Hill, Ala.; Florence N. Wright, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.; Jessie E. Abbott, Tuskegee Institute, Ala. and Hattie Hall, Cincinnati Ohio.

Tuskegee Girls Successfully Defend National Track Title

WATERBURY, Conn.—A gathering of 2,500 saw the Tuskegee girls track team retain their Women's National A. A. U. championship here in Municipal Stadium on Sunday in what was perhaps the first girls track meet in local history. Tuskegee scored a total of 33 points, more than twice as many as the runner-up points. The strong Mercury A. C. of New York was third with a total of 14 points.

Tuskegee won only two events but managed to place in nearly every event. Miss Alice Cochrane was the lone individual Tuskegee winner, taking the high jump with a leap of 5 feet 2 inches. The championship 400 meter relay team of Celestine Birge, Jessie Abbott, Rowena Harrison, and Lula Mae Hymes, gave Tuskegee its second winner in the fast time of 49.4 seconds. The Mercury A. C. team was second in this event.

Miss Hymes completed in three other events, getting a second place in the broadjump with a leap of 18 feet 1 one half inches. Mrs. Gertrude Johnson of the Mercury A. C. won the 0 meters dash with a teammate, Miss Ivy Wilson, second, and Miss Ernestine Rogers of Tuskegee, fourth. The winner's time was 6.7 seconds.

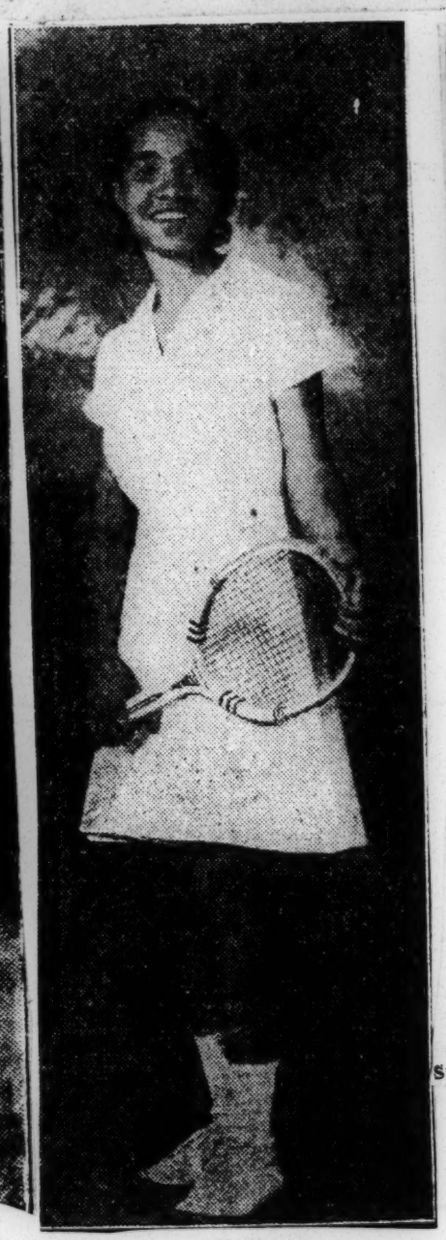
A summary of the other events follows. Eight pound shot put—Ramona Harris, Mercury A. C., second, 37 feet 8 3 quarter inches; Florence Wright, Tuskegee, third 37 feet 1 inch. Discus throw—Hattie Hall Tuskegee, second, 104 feet 1 one quarter inches; Florence Wright Tuskegee, third, 99 feet 4 one half inches.

Javelin throw—Margaret Barnes Tuskegee, fourth, 113 feet 8 inches. 80 Meter Hurdles—Leila Perry, Tuskegee, third.

100 meter Dash—Lucy Newell, Tuskegee, second; Lula Mae Hymes, Tuskegee, fourth.

200 Meter Dash—Hester Brown, Tuskegee, second; Jewel Cole, Prairie View, fourth.

THREE NATIONAL CHAMPS FROM TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE



Mozel Ellerbee and Lula Mae Hymes, national A. A. U sprint champions and Roumania Peters, tennis champion.

Four-Point Objectives At S.C.O.A. Confab

By EMORY O. JACKSON

ATLANTA, Ga.—(SNS) — Birmingham represented ten strong at the fifteenth annual session of the Southern Coaches and Officials Association convening at the Butler Street YMCA last Saturday and Sunday.

That contingent through the story of the great work done by the Greater-Birmingham Athletic and Officials Conference convinced the SCOA that they should hold their 1940 session in Birmingham. This will make the first time in 15 years of operating that the association has come to Birmingham.

In the Birmingham delegation were W. J. Moore, one of the founding members of the SCOA; Dr. T. J. Knox, 12-year member; H. L. Mosely, 9-year annex; Lamar Webb, Joe Noy, one-year additions; W. J. Jackson, A. J. McClung, Wilbur Hollins, Herman Long, and E. O. Jackson, new (probation) members.

Four of the 10 Birmingham representatives were rated, three receiving the highest. Certified for referee were Moore, Knox and Mosely; umpire, Noy. The other six were unaccredited but were recommended to be used in college and high school games. Referee Moore was reelected fourth vice-president and supervisor of Alabama.

Alabama scored heavily when Charlie Johnson Dunn, director of athletics for the State Teachers College was the unanimous choice for the presidency of the SCOA. He succeeds jovial Jack Adkins, mentor of Le Moyne College.

The membership of the SCOA is dominantly composed of young coaches and officials. Notwithstanding, much hum-hum was made over the ever recurrent controversy of using young officials. Ted Wright of Xavier hammered the peg on the head when he told the young aspiring officials they would have to talk up for themselves, pull wires and labor far above average efficiency if they were to get any officiating to do.

From the time most of the professional officials hit Auburn Avenue until the reading of the assignments they were lobbying for games to officiate. These age-heavy officials know all the secrets about getting their hog's share of the assignments.

It is an indisputable fact that young officials should and will have to climb by pulling up the road like did those now on top. Young officials. however, as some one pointed out, aren't getting the chance to call high school games because prep coaches have the same attitude towards them as college coaches.

Despite the idea of rating officials, it is undeniable that a strong program of improvement of officials is needed. Many times this weekness was struck at from varied sources and angles. But every time the idea of rating was brought up, which certainly is different from a program of training officials. There is no substitute for training. Self-training and grab-catch learning at best do little for the general advancement of officiation.

Prospective officials after this year will find it harder to gain membership in the conference The committee on membership saw their recommendation calling for a test and reference and a written application with the recommendation of a competent member of the Association by petitioners for membership adopted in law. It was only through the dogged fight of Lucius Jones, SNS Sports Editor, that the recommendation did not apply this year.

FOUR CENTRAL OBJECTIVES WERE EVIDENT:

Improvement of officiation by using four officials.

Improvement of officiation by rating officials.

Improvements of officiation by tightening the membership requirements.

Improvement of officiation by increasing the training of accredited officials.

As has been said these objectives were only vaguely shaped into a program, except for what they called "the work of the rating committee." The rating committee, for all of its work, has not made, in my opinion, a comprehensive study of the mixed and manifold problems. Upon the findings, I think, of such a study the SCOA should build a five-year program of training its officials.

The SCOA is a professional organization just like any teachers association. It is worth any coach and official's membership. Its history is fascinating and its basic objectives essential, all howling for furtherance.

Jesse Owens Will Be Here Tuesday

World Champion Negro Baseball Club Also To Appear Here

Jesse Owens, former Olympic sprinter, more often spoken of as the "fastest human," will appear before local fans in Crampton Bowl next Tuesday night. Owens, who has drawn record crowds in many baseball parks this Summer, is being booked here along with a top-notch baseball game. The Kansas City Monarchs, world champion negro baseball club, will play the Memphis Red Sox in an exhibition game.

The Kansas City Monarchs, down through the years since 1920 rated the greatest attraction in negro baseball and always an outstanding team, has a club this year which has turned out to be their best in many years. They finished atop the American League.

Since 1920 the Monarchs have won five American League flags and two negro world series. This year the team is regarded as the strongest ever to represent Kansas City. Manager Andy Cooper, veteran lefthanded hurling star, has assembled a colorful array of hard hitters, flashy fielders and stellar moundsmen.

THE ARMSTRONG-AMBERS FIGHT

By the Bystander

There has been considerable discussion about the Armstrong-Ambers fight in New York last week in which many people questioned the decision of the officials. Generally speaking the Bystander takes the position that good sportsmanship means a fellow must be a good loser; that there is no use selecting judges if their decisions cannot be final.

We were not there, have not seen the pictures of the fight and of course cannot judge whether the decision was fair or not. However, if the judges displayed one-tenth of the partiality as that which was aired over the air by Tower, the announcer—and he evidently had a guilty conscience for on several occasions he attempted to dispel the idea that he was partial—Armstrong had no chance.

Now comes the New York boxing commission and say that not only is Ambers the lightweight champion, but they propose to award him the welterweight championship too. And this in spite of the fact that the contract to fight for the lightweight championship specifically provided that the the welterweight title was not at stake.

The New York commission knew about this provision before the fight, and just why they waited until after the fight to bring this lead up is somewhat a puzzle. We submit that we are not acquainted with the rules of the commission, but the position they take does not seem tenable.

Several years ago, the boxing game recided to a low ebb because the misconduct of several of the top-notchers had shaken the confidence of the public. For the past five or six years a decided change has come about because we have had a clean bunch of boxers.

It is highly important that referees, judges and commissions be fair and impartial for when the public begins to question their decision and can point to instances to back up their complaints, the boxing game will once more become corrupt. After all, we get further and satisfy more people in the long run by giving every fellow a fair chance and let the best man win. Any other theory is just bad sportsmanship.

Henry Armstrong Got Raw Deal In Opinion Of White Writer

Donovan, Center Of Attack By N. Y. News Reporter

By LESTER RODNEY
(Crusader News Agency)

OUT OF THE welter of accusations of "fix," denials and general bad taste following the second Armstrong-Ambers fight, one thing is clear and has to be said—Armstrong got a bad deal.

When two little fighters like Armstrong and Ambers lock together for fifteen bruising rounds of what was almost toe to toe punching, it's impossible to cleanly and accurately score the rounds in favor of one or another. The completely contradictory score cards around the press box and even of the three judges proved that.

Nevertheless, there were very few who would have given Ambers the fight without the aid of the five rounds automatically awarded him by Referee Donavan for supposed Armstrong fouls. Donovan's scorecard itself, even with the five round headstart for Ambers, was only 8 and 7 in favor of Lou. So if it weren't for the rounds taken away from him by the referee, whose judgement in the matter also dictates the scores of the two judges, it's clear that Armstrong would have won the fight and retained the lightweight title.

What about those "fouls?"

Since fighting is a rough give and take business where everything thrown can't be timed with a micrometer, New York State has wisely made a boxing law saying that a fighter can't win on a foul. But Referee Donovan, type of ham like "Fainting Phil" Scott, and ends bad acting such as Max Schmeling put on against Jack Sharkey when he "won" the heavyweight title on the floor from beyond a foul proof protector that no punch can possibly dent. To the referee is still given the discretionary power of calling a foul and ordering the specific round awarded to the man who was hit low.

Donovan worked on the strictest letter of that law and used it solely against Armstrong. Whether or not Manager Mead's claim of "fix" can be proved we do not know. We do know from sitting two rows away from the ring that Donovan chose to take rounds away from Armstrong that he had clearly won just because the tip of Henry's glove brushed against Ambers' trunks in the furious milling along the ropes. Some of the veteran boxing writers didn't even see any low punches in two of the rounds he took away from Henry. In any case, there is no precedent for the amazing and arbitrary taking of five rounds away from a fighter in a championship fight. If this remains unchallenged, the referee can push his over-officiating to the point where he, and he alone, can name the winner in any fight, simply by walking over to the two judges and saying "take it away—foul."

Furthermore, we do know that Donovan's sudden rush of orthodoxy was completely at the expense of Armstrong and that never once did he even caution Ambers for hitting with the open glove and poking the thum in Henry's eyes, repeated offenses which left their mark on Henry's face.

Henry didn't say anything about being jabbed, but Manager Mead did. He was purple with anger. "Those Tammany gangsters were responsible for this—I'll talk plenty—the people of Harlem will know who these phony politican gamblers are, too."

Henry had Ambers in a bad way in several rounds, and if he wasn't beginning to lose a bit of the magnificent constant socking power that has made him the greatest title fighter of all time, he would have knocked Ambers out, or at least down. His hands bothered him some, and the weight making ordeal has become tough for him. But withal, he was still good enough not to have lost the lightweight title.

The last thing he said from beneath the icepack on his lacerated eyes as we said so long was a little smile:

"I'm still a champion, so guess I can't take it too hard."

He's still plenty of champion.

On The Score Board

Starting of A Good Campaign

By Lester Rodney

THE sports department of the Amsterdam News, New York Negro newspaper, has started a campaign to have a Negro appointed to the state athletic commission. The immediate incentive for the drive was the bad smell of the recent Ambers-Armstrong decision, but the absence of Negroes in the administrative end of New York State boxing has long been something wrong in a sport that has always owed so much to the brilliance of Negro fighters.

Dan Burley, sports editor of the "Amsterdam," informs me that the California State Athletic Commission recently appointed three Negro physicians to its staff, while in Pennsylvania Joe Rainey served a long and distinguished term as a member of the state commission. In Chicago, J. Harris is deputy commissioner, and there are also several Negro referees and a Negro physician. Why not in New York? Petitions are now being circulated to gain half a million signatures for presentation to Governor Lehman and Secretary of State Walsh.

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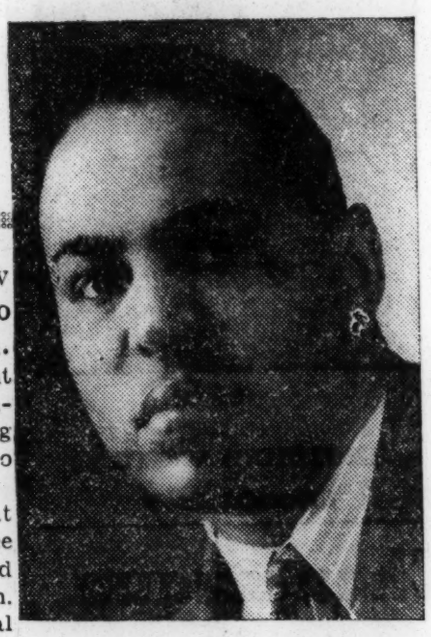
And speaking of petitions, and discrimination, the Young Communist League petitions against baseball's Jim Crow, loaded to the hilt with signatures, will shortly be sent to Judge Landis, the National and American League presidents. What may seem to be a lull in this tremendous, popular campaign which hit a new high in 1939, is not. Big league managers and players have gone on record in favor of ending the discrimination against the Negro stars they all know and admire. And that is the most sensational development to date in the campaign we started modestly three years ago by interviewing National League President Ford Frick. Sensational enough to insure the early doom of the phony, outmoded discrimination in our National Pastime, probably at the winter meeting this year, where it's now sure to come up on the agenda.

The hockey league is considering disbanding because of the war situation in Europe. Practically all the players are Canadians, and Canada has declared war. Perhaps Chamberlain's "war" plans against the Nazis will now be switched to wait until the Channel and the North Sea freeze over and then send the hockey men charging over on skates.

Enters New Field



JOHN HENRY LEWIS

John Henry Lewis, former light-heavyweight champion of the world, who fought Joe Louis for the heavyweight title early this year, has become associated with the sales department of Calvert Distillers Corporation as a representative to promote Old Drum Blended Whiskey, according to an announcement by the company.

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– by Jack Troy

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Football just can't follow a definite pattern any more hence, it would not be too surprising to find every one of the sectional leaders picked in advance among the much maligned when the final block has been applied. And, too, that several players barely mentioned in advance might conceivably be the sensations of the season.

"STOP PICKING ON THAT LITTLE MAN."

Torment is going to be heaped upon the head of many a big bruiser this season when Tech's Johnny Bosch goes down under a pile.

Bosch, who has shown an ability to take care of himself, is going to have a lot of grandstand support. The lady fans and a lot of the men, too, are going to rage at innocent opponents who tackle Bosch savagely, although doing so in a measure of self-protection.

Bosch is a little man—smallest back Tech ever has had, I believe. He's smaller than Shorty Roberts. Twenty pounds lighter and no taller.

But he is about as talented a little man as you'll see. He can pass, kick and run. He is durable. In fact, he is unusually durable. He enrages big men by the way he absorbs punishment.

He once enraged big Glenn Cushing, Tech tackle. That was last year.

Glenn was a pretty fair country tackle—and vicious. Little Bosch, running with the freshmen, some times had things pretty much his own way. And it made Cushing mad that so little a squirt should be getting away with murder.

So Cushing resolved to see if he couldn't make an impression on the 130-pound upstart. He waited his chance and then bore down. He gave him the hardest sort of lick that his 200-pound frame could generate.

Confidently, Cushing rolled over on the ground expecting Bosch to be shaken, to say the least. And it was a crushing blow to Cushing that Bosch lightly leaped to his feet and helped him up!

"Bitsy" Bosch was a scourge of G. M. A. opponents; he was anathema to the Tech varsity as a freshman, and now he is going to be camped back in the safety position ready to do his bit against Jacket rivals. And he won't appear as a midget back there because his running mates uniformly are built closer to the ground than otherwise.

The way things are shaping up there may be few more colorful backs in the south.

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Ferdinand's Corner: Emil (Dutch) **Leonard,** the **ex-Cracker** knuckle ball star, Saturday was presented a **trophy** by Walter **Johnson** as Washington's **most valuable player.** . . . Then he went out, seeking his **20th** victory and his **fifth** in **seven** starts against the **Yankees,** and was **shelled.** . . . Such is the **price of fame.** . . . Remember how long it was **after** the **Crackers** raised **Dixie** series and **Southern** league **flags before** they got back in **winning stride** again? . . . Incidentally, Leonard is the first **drafted** player since **Lefty O'Doul** to become an **outstanding** star. . . . It may be **surprising** information, but the **biggest disappointment** of the Yankees' season has been **Joe Gordon.** . . . He showed **no improvement** over his **'38** form. . . . And yet his '38 form was **considered good** a-plenty and he is **regarded** as far and away the **best** second baseman in the American **league.** . . . What do those **damYankees want?** . . . Larry **Gilbert** didn't expect his Vols **to win** the **opener** of the Dixie series. . . . He told Nashville newspapermen that the **effort** required to **beat Atlanta** had **upset** the **pitching order.** . . . Jim **Braddock** and Joe **Gould** get **10 per cent** of Joe **Louis'** earnings. . . . Because, when Braddock was **champion,** he had a **contract** to meet Max **Schmeling,** who had **knocked out** Louis. . . . But Mike **Jacobs** persuaded him to meet Louis **instead** and **guaranteed** 10 per cent of all Louis' **future** earnings if the colored boy took the **title.** . . . Johnny **Rucker won't** finish out the year with the **Giants.** . . . He'll report to them in the **spring.** . . . Likewise, Al **Rubeling,** who goes to the **Athletics.** . . . Nashville writers say **Vandy** has a team on the **sidelines** that could **lick the one** which must **take the field.** . . . One thing and another has removed Bert **Marsall.** Ray **Andrus,** Binks **Bushmaier** and Ralph **Hinton,** a quartet of fine backs, and linemen like **McElreath, Evans, Atkinson, Clinger, Brown** and **Judd.** . . . Herman **Wecke** (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) hauls out the figures to show the **"Bucky and Paul"** (Walters and Derringer) pitching combination of the Reds, is **more effective** than the **"Me and Paul"** (Dean) combination of the Cards of **1934.** . . . Walters and Derringer have won **50** against **17** defeats between them, while the Deans won **49** and lost **18.** . . . In **complete games** pitched the Derringer-Walters combination is away ahead, **57 to 40** . . . Walter R. **Lee** doesn't agree **Dempsey's decision** in favor of Brown in the second Yarosz fight **justified** a similar decision rendered by Tom McCarthy in the **first fight.** . . . He figures

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Football just can't follow a definite pattern any more hence, it would not be too surprising to find every one of the sectional leaders picked in advance among the much maligned when the final block has been applied. And, too, that several players barely mentioned in advance might conceivably be the sensations of the season.

"STOP PICKING ON THAT LITTLE MAN."

Torment is going to be heaped upon the head of many a big bruiser this season when Tech's Johnny Bosch goes down under a pile.

Bosch, who has shown an ability to take care of himself, is going to have a lot of grandstand support. The lady fans and a lot of the men, too, are going to rage at innocent opponents who tackle Bosch savagely, although doing so in a measure of self-protection.

Bosch is a little man—smallest back Tech ever has had, I believe. He's smaller than Shorty Roberts. Twenty pounds lighter and no taller.

But he is about as talented a little man as you'll see. He can pass, kick and run. He is durable. In fact, he is unusually durable. He enrages big men by the way he absorbs punishment.

He once enraged big Glenn Cushing, Tech tackle. That was last year.

Glenn was a pretty fair country tackle—and vicious. Little Bosch, running with the freshmen, some times had things pretty much his own way. And it made Cushing mad that so little a squirt should be getting away with murder.

So Cushing resolved to see if he couldn't make an impression on the 130-pound upstart. He waited his chance and then bore down. He gave him the hardest sort of lick that his 200-pound frame could generate.

Confidently, Cushing rolled over on the ground expecting Bosch to be shaken, to say the least. And it was a crushing blow to Cushing that Bosch lightly leaped to his feet and helped him up!

"Bitsy" Bosch was a scourge of G. M. A. opponents; he was anathema to the Tech varsity as a freshman, and now he is back in the safety position ready to do his bit against Jacket rivals. And he won't appear as a midget to the ground than otherwise.

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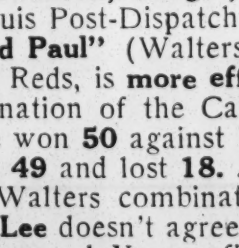

Braddock and Joe **Gould** get **10 per cent** of Joe **Louis'** earnings. . . . Because, when Braddock was **champion,** he had a **contract** to meet Max **Schmeling,** who had **knocked out** Louis. . . . But Mike **Jacobs** persuaded him to meet Louis **instead** and **guaranteed** 10 per cent of all Louis' **future** earnings if the colored boy took the **title.** . . . Johnny **Rucker won't** finish out the year with the **Giants.** . . . He'll report to them in the **spring.** . . . Likewise, Al **Rubeling,** who goes to the **Athletics.** . . . Nashville writers say **Vandy** has a team on the **sidelines** that could **lick the one** which must **take the field.** . . . One thing and another has removed Bert **Marsall.** Ray **Andrus.** Binks **Bushmaier** and Ralph **Hinton,** a quartet of fine backs, and linemen like **McElreath, Evans, Atkinson, Clinger, Brown** and **Judd.** . . . Herman **Wecke** (St. Louis Post-Dispatch) hauls out the figures to show the **"Bucky and Paul"** (Walters and Derringer) pitching combination of the Reds, is **more effective** than the **"Me and Paul"** (Dean) combination of the Cards of **1934.** . . . Walters and Derringer have won **50** against **17** defeats between them, while the Deans won **49** and lost **18.** . . . In **complete games** pitched the Derringer-Walters combination is away ahead, **57 to 40** . . . Walter R. **Lee** doesn't agree **Dempsey's decision** in favor of Brown in the second Yarosz fight **justified** a similar decision rendered by Tom McCarthy in the **first fight.** . . . He figures

NO HOLDS BARRED

By STAN KURMAN

(This is the third in the series of articles reviewing the career of great Negro fighters of the past, via Nat Fleischer's "Black Dynamite" volumes.)

Any fight follower can tell you that Joe Gans died of tuberculosis but it was really poverty that killed the great Negro lightweight champ of 1902 to 1906.

T.B. had already taken hold of the brilliant fighter, says Nat Fleischer in the "Three Colored Aces" when he arranged to defend his lightweight crown against Battling Nelson.

Although he was champ, Gans, who had been supporting his wife and kid on peanut purses, was forced to take the short end of the take. He needed money badly and had to agree to the rotten demands of Bill Nolan, manager of Nelson. Says Fleischer:

"In more ways than one, it was a cruelly unfair deal that Gans received. It was easy for Nelson to scale 133 pounds ringside, but it meant a sickening training grind for Gans. Gans finally made the weight but permanently ruined his health doing it.

"But Nolan wasn't through harrying him yet," writes Fleischer. "On the last day, finding that Gans had made 133 pounds stripped, Nelson's manager insisted that the colored man must weigh in at 133 pounds ringside, clad in full fighting togs." Gans nearly killed himself making the weight, but he needed the dough so badly that he had to comply.

That fight was in the fall of 1906. Gans, who had a big margin over Nelson throughout, finally won on a foul in the 42nd round. But the fight marked the finish of the kid who had started out as a fish market employee. He died four years after the bout with Nelson. T.B., which had just been a mild case before, took hold after that, and he needed dough too badly to quit and take a needed rest.

Born in 1874, Gans, like George Dixon, started his ring career quite young. He was only 17 when he began to fight for five bucks a night. He loved boxing and felt he never could learn enough about the game. He became a pretty boxer and had plenty of sock to go along with his keen maneuvering.

Gans was as clever as they come and worked his way into a top-ranking lightweight challenger spot in a short while. He earned the rep of never losing to the same man twice. Nelson was the only man who was able to turn that trick and only because he fought an ill, faded Gans.

Where Gans lost out, says Fleischer, was in his loyalty to manager Al Herford. Gans figured he owed something to Herford for giving him a start. But Fleischer remarks:

"That was a mistake. He owed nothing to anybody. With his marvelous physical powers, his almost uncanny sense of crafty ring generalship, his natural superb skill and terrific punching ability, Joe Gans would have risen to the top of his profession and made a fortune for any manager."

The result of Gans' loyalty was that he didn't seen to do his best when he got orders not to. He was on his way to a title shot in 1900 when he was kayoed by Frank Erne in the twelfth. Joe, who was badly cut around the eye, told the ref he'd had enough. The deep gash justified Joe's quitting, but he had never been known to do anything like that before. Previously, fights with George McFadden and Dal Hawkins had been questioned.

A few months after the loss to Erne, Gans took on feather champ Terry McGovern. Terry, who had just beaten Dixon for the title, was in top form but no match for the stronger Gans, also at peak condition. So when Terry kayoed Gans in the second, there was a near riot. Gans put up a dull fight, his usual stabbing left was feeble and he hit the deck four times before being counted out. Gans didn't try to explain things after the fight, but from then on there was never a hint of crookedness about the lightweight marvel.

FOUR YEARS ON TOP SHAPE

Gans kayoed Erne in the first round to win the lightweight title in 1902. For four years he stayed on top, licking all comers and losing only non-title tilts to much heavier men: Sam Langford and Jack Blackburn. If he had gone after the welter crown, he probably would have been much better. He was really a natural welter. That weight-making for Nelson killed him.

After he beat Nelson in that hectic 42-round tussle, he kept on going although he needed hospital treatment. He met Nelson in July, 1908 and after swarming all over the Danish strong-man in the early rounds, began to lose his strength and finally went out in the seventeenth. He met Nelson in the fall of the year in a last desperate effort to regain the title but he didn't have his old-time stuff. He cagily kept Nelson away throughout most of the fight but his sock was gone. Again Gans tired badly and went down under a terrific assault in the twenty-first.

Gans had one more fight in 1909 and then was forced to quit. He died a year later at the age of 36.

And that's how poverty beat the Master Boxer of All Time.

Remembered mainly as a brilliant boxer, Gans scored more than fifty kayos in more than 200 fights. The records omit any number of exhibitions and off the record tussles.

COMPARISON

It's natural to compare Gans with Henry Armstrong, great little fighter of today. But the two fought under such different conditions that there can't be any real comparison between them. It's enough to say that Henry will go down as a ring immortal alongside of Gans.

Fight conditions today have changed considerably for the better. But there are still too many relics of the not-so-good old days. Weight-making is still a gog and many fighters enter the ring when they're not fit. That's because we still see in some cases, that exaggerated "loyalty" to some dough-grabbing managers..

Opponents On Canvas 47 Times

The claim that Jack Dempsey was one-punch killer doesn't hold water. Dempsey knocked Jess Willard down seven times in the first round in Toledo for the world heavyweight title. However, Willard stayed the second and third rounds and then tossed in his own towel at the start of the fourth.

During the second and third rounds, Dempsey, the supposed man killer, was not able to knock Willard down again.

Louis has fought 22 times since making the big time. He has defended his world title eight times since winning it from James J. Braddock in Chicago in June, 1937.

Before Louis won the title Bob Pastor back-pedaled 10 rounds in New York to stay 10 rounds without kissing the canvas from any of Louis' punches and after winning the title, Joe defended it against Tommy Farr, the Welchman, in New York City and Farr staged an alley battle in which he hugged, butted and stayed the full 15 rounds.

Louis is a greater puncher than Dempsey. There isn't any argument to be made against Louis. Out of the 22 bouts, Joe has emerged victor 21 times. Twice he has won on decision (first Pastor and Farr fights) and 19 he won by knockouts. He has scored 47 knockdowns. The only bout he lost was the first Schmeling bout.

Here is Louis' record:

Opponent	Round	Knock-Downs
Primo Canera	6	3
King Levinsky ...	1	3
Max Baer	4	1
Paulino Uzcudun..	4	1
Charley Retzlaff ..	1	2
Max Schmeling ..	12 k.o'd by	0
Jack Sharkey	3	4
Al Ettore	5	3
Jorge Brescia	3	1
Eddie Simms	1	1
Billy Ketchell	2	1
Bob Pastor	10	0
Natie Brown	4	1
Jim Braddock	8	1
Tommy Farr	15	0
Nathan Mann	3	4
Harry Thomas ...	5	6
Tony Galento	4	2
John Henry Lewis	1	3
Jack Roper	1	1
Max Schmeling ..	1	3
Bob Pastor	11	6

Henry Armstrong Kayoes Manfredo In Fourth Round

DES MOINES, Iowa—(SNS)—By flailing his Italian opponent with everything but the water bucket here Monday night, October 9, Henry Armstrong, welterweight champion, scored a fancy fourth round knockout and won himself hosts of backers in his forthcoming battle with Lou Ambers this winter.

Monday's encounter was a non-title go. However, Armstrong fights again this Friday night at which time his crown will be at stake. Hank's hands did not seem to trouble him at all in the Manfredo clash.

Slants on SPORTS

By Lucius "Melancholy" Jones

U. S. Lawn Tennis Association Guide Basis For Method Of Drawing Used By SIAC, B. T. Harvey Informs 'Corner'

"DID YOU NOTICE this morning's paper?" the voice on the line asked. It was Prof. B. T. Harvey, secretary-treasurer of the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, on the line. He is secretary of the Tournament Committee which conducted the seeding and draw at the recent SIAC tournament at Tuskegee. Coach Cleve L. Abbott is chairman of that body. The corner answered the pioneer dixie sportsman in the affirmative.

Mr. Harvey had reference to the fact that the white Southern Conference, which formerly used a system of extending automatic byes to seeded teams, had suddenly "about-faced" and changed its procedure in favor of using the official drawing, as advocated by the National Basketball Guide, which makes it necessary that byes be drawn for.

It was obvious that Mr. Harvey intended this question as his and the SIAC's answer to the corner's treatise of the past week in which he charged there were some regrettable features in the SIAC's drawing.

However, the erstwhile illustrious Morehouse athletic director-head coach and "Red Raider" from Colgate University talked on. "No doubt, the Southeastern Conference folk ran into the same snag we'd run into if we used their method; perhaps that's why they are changing. You see, their tournament is largely a commercial venture; ours is not. We conduct our seeding and drawing in strict conformity with the procedure found in the United States Lawn Tennis Association guide. It is different from what you might find in use for various forms of elimination tournaments. We stick strictly to "the luck of the draw". Our method may be criticized," Mr. Harvey continued, "but we can always be consoled by the fact that we are operating in direct accordance with the rules."

Mr. Harvey went on to assure the corner that if the SIAC saw fit to change its procedure, it is within its power to do so. But it was obvious that he considered its present method absolutely satisfactory, because he pointed with pride to the fact that the white coaches, after once abandoning this procedure, went on record as re-adopting it at its recent meeting at the current Southeastern Conference tournament in Knoxville, Tennessee.

The corner was wrong in saying the SIAC erred in making its drawing, because, after all, as Mr. Harvey explains, its official procedure is not that used in many elimination tournaments, which the corner was reminded operate chiefly for commercial gain. The SIAC tournament, then, is largely a matter of entertainment for the people. The corner takes it that financial gain is incidental and secondary.

Any thinking person can see the problem is really two-fold. The coaches and teams themselves care more about their chances of advancing in a tournament that they do about cash they may derive through its financial success with certain established favorites clashing in the finals. That's the player-coach angle.

The cash customers, however, care less about the occasional surprises they may receive when a big-wig team is upset by an underdog or "darkhorse" team than they do about seeing the favored clubs in the championship round. The folk who lay their cash "on the line" want to see the "build-up" teams fight it out.

It is evident, as a result of the action the white Southeastern Conference officials have just taken (outlawing the automatic bye-procedure), that they figure their tournament is now on a satisfactory paying basis.

Originally, the said Southeastern Conference folk used the "luck of the draw" method and the favorites came through to the final round so seldom that every tournament was a disappointing financial proposition. Finally, they adopted the automatic bye system. Immediately the difference could be seen and felt. The cash started rolling in. Now, they figure good "gates" are established and that the teams are all so good that any pair making the finals will draw well. So, with player-coach sentiment prevailing, they re-adopt by a 6-5 majority the plan formerly dropped.

So long as the SIAC tournament runs on the present system, its financial possibilities will be well circumscribed and it will be a herculean task to gross $1,000 in the three days of the meet. The automatic bye system, which appears what the sepia sports people of this area want (if one may judge by the reaction of the Atlanta crowd) would do much toward improving the drawing power of the SIAC joust. The best "take" on the SIAC meet during its six year history has been $918, which was the 1939 gross. It bettered the previous best figure by almost $200. A tournament as big as the SIAC meet is capable of drawing better than that. Using the system the corner advocates, he believes the receipts might well be as much as $918 the day of the finals alone a year or so from today.

Another argument in favor of the automatic bye system is that it affords you a basis for reward to those teams holding the best season records. Of what value is being seeded to a team if it still stands a chance of being "bumped off" in the very first round of play as was seeded Morehouse when South Carolina tripped the defending SIAC champion 29-25? Of what value did being seeded prove to Clark last year and in 1939 when neither time did she receive a bye and when, on both occasions, she had to play two games in the same day?

Armstrong Will Defend Crown In Tiff With Ambers

NEW YORK, March 7.—(AP)—The State Athletic Commission announced at its meeting Tuesday that Henry Armstrong had agreed to defend his world lightweight championship against Lou Ambers, the ex-titlist, probably in New York some time this Summer.

The commission said Eddie Mead, Armstrong's manager, had agreed to the match in a telephone conversation. For several weeks, Armstrong and his manager had insisted that an Ambers bout should be for the welterweight title, which the little Negro also holds, but Al Weill, Ambers' pilot, had held out for the 135-pound bout.

The commission said it received a wire from Mead explaining he was unable to appear at Tuesday's meeting. Commission Chairman John J. Phelan said he expected Mead at next week's meeting to sign for both the Ambers fight and Armstrong's forthcoming welterweight title fight with Davey Day, of Chicago.

LOUIS-GALENTO FIGHT FOR TITLE IS SET FOR JUNE

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Joe Louis will defend his world heavyweight championship against Tony Galento, rotund Orange, N. J. barkeeper in New York in the last week of June, John Roxborough Louis' manager, announced tonight.

Confirming advices from Miami Beach, Fla., that the bout awaited only formal announcement from Promoter Mike Jacobs, Roxborough said he had agreed to the match in a telephone conversation with Jacobs.

Joe Louis Best Of Bad Lot, Dempsey Thinks

Willard, Firpo Besides Himself Could Have Flattened Him

BY AMASA WINDHAM

Mr. William Harrison (Jack) Dempsey, the old Manassa maestro of maul, muscle and mutilation, breezed into town Friday and told reporters that in his prime, not only could he have taken Joe Louis in, but that Jess Willard or Luis Angel Firpo could also have flattened the Bomber for a double-five count.

"The fight game today just isn't what it used to be," the onetime king of konkers said. "Joe Louis, of course is the best of the lot, but the lot is not very good."

Hurriedly dozing his bulging muscles into a clean shirt that he might attend a luncheon party for which he was already 10 minutes late, Dempsey kept up a running commentary on present day fighters.

"Your Birmingham boy, Bill Boyd, who is one of my fighters, will be a good man in the future. His recent defeat doesn't mean anything and he's coming along all right," Jack told the reporters.

Three Qualifications

"You know a fighter must have three things—he must be able to give it to take it and he must have a fighting heart. The present crop just don't compare with the top notchers of 10 and 15 years ago," said the one man who certainly ought to be an authority on the subject.

Asked what seemed to be troubling the present day crop, the Manassa man declared the main need was for "a few more good fighters and promoters."

Slipping a somber-colored necktie over the bulging neck which sits atop his 210-pound frame, the former heavyweight champion told the reporters that the fight game, like business, ran in sycles.

"You'll have a swell crop of fighters for a few years, then they begin to thin out and they'll be pretty scarce for a few years," he explained.

Questioned about his offer of a job to his one time opponent, Jess Willard, from whom he wrested the heavyweight crown, Jack said Willard had a standing offer from him "to go to work any time he wants to as long as he wants to."

"How about the so-called 'long count' against Tunney?" he was asked. "Do you harbor any resentment now?"

"Certainly not," the mauler replied, smiling. "It was O. K. I never felt any resentment."

Dempsey will leave here early Saturday morning on a Delta Air Lines plane for New York, where he will rejoin his family and take up his duties as a restaurateur.

Louis Warns All To Come Early For Roper Bout

VICTORVILLE, Calif.—(AP)—Joe Louis, 210 pounds of lazybones and dynamite, yawningly confirmed today a suspicion of California fight fans.

If the cash customers miss the first round, Joe admitted, they probably won't see much of his bout April 17 in Los Angeles with aging Jack Roper.

"I like to get 'em quick," the champion drawled.

Joe wasn't popping off his mouth about his fistic prowess, but he wanted to squelch any report that he intended to "carry" the 36-year-old Roper for a few rounds to make the fight more interesting.

"I know he can punch, but I think I can lick 'im just the same."

The heavyweight champion won't draw on a glove until he finishes his stay at a dude ranch here about 10 days hence and moves into Pasadena.

Louis rates Max Baer as his most formidable challenger, predicts a Baer victory over Lou Nova, "who can't box much and don't hit hard."

"Then I'll fight Max in September," he said. "In shape, he can lick 'em all—except me."

In for Test at Hampton

MARGARET PETERS, left and Roumania Peters, students at Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, national doubles tennis champions, who will take part in the 23rd National tennis championships which will be held at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia, August 14-19 inclusive.

These young women are exponents of the driving game now, their style of play having been completely changed by the Tuskegee coaches; however, they will have to wade through the stiffest sort of opposition at Hampton in order to retain their title.

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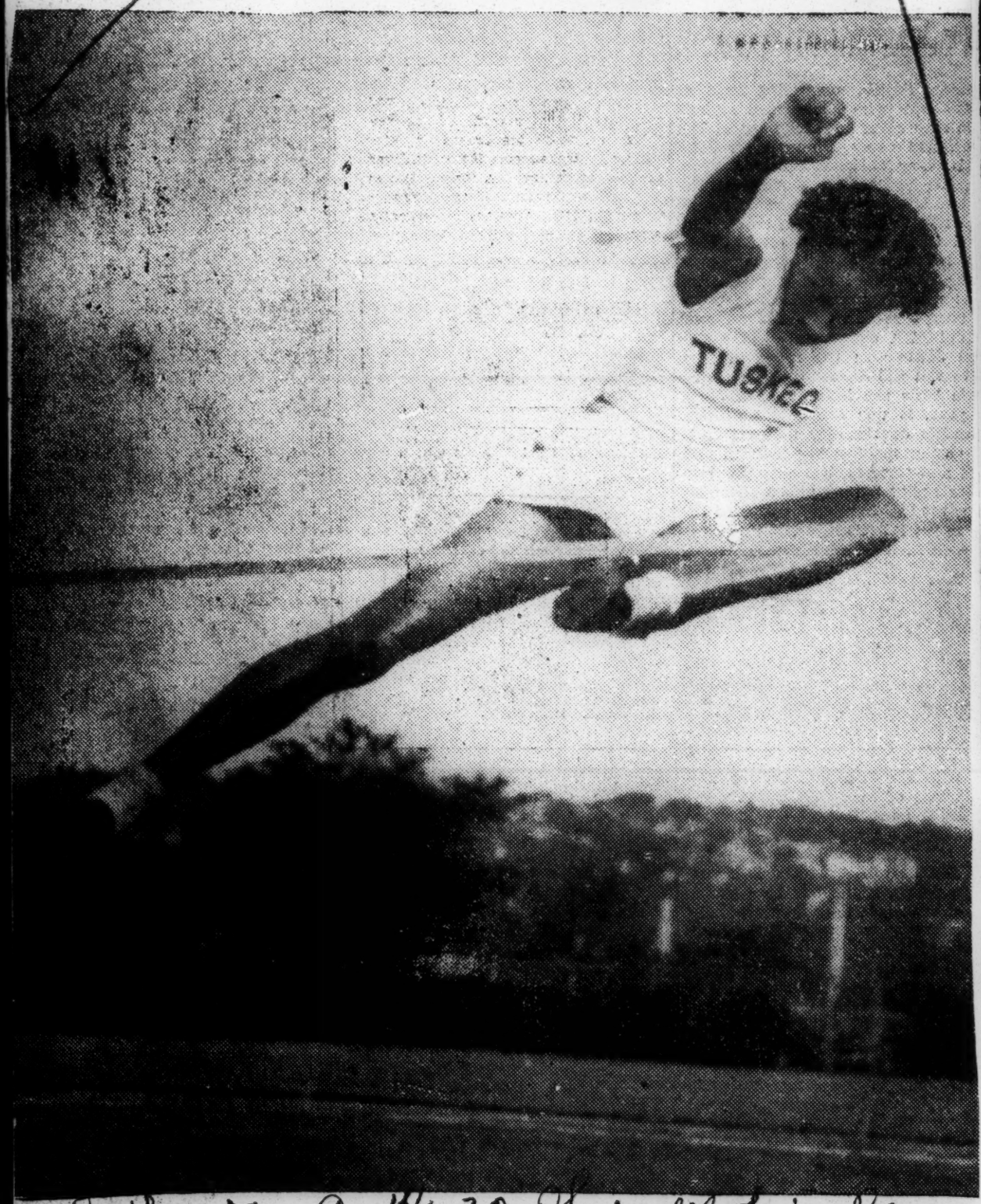
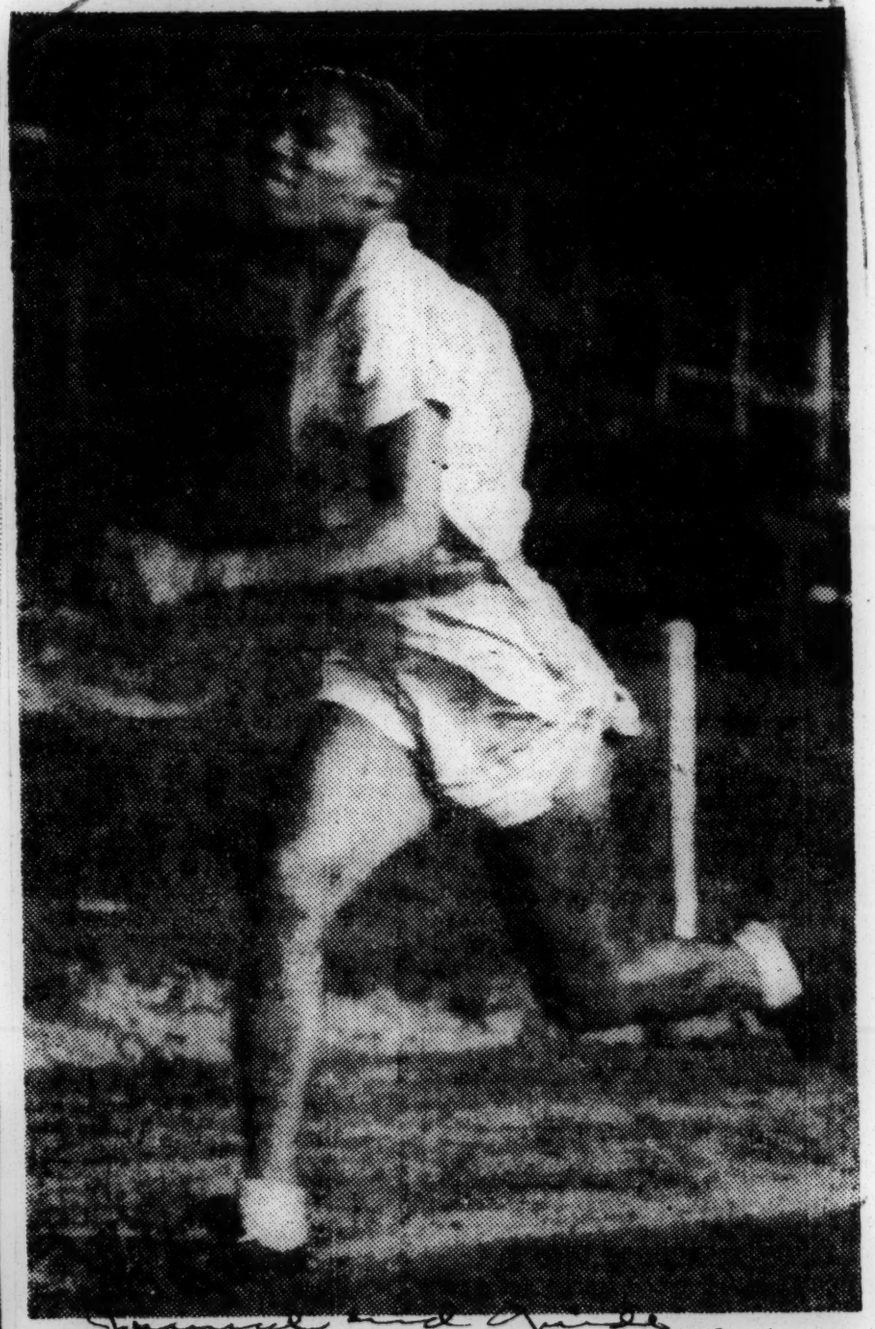
The Winning Leap



Daily News 9-14-39 Philadelphia, Pa.

Alice Cochrane of the Tuskegee girls track team, leaped five feet, two inches to win at the National Women's Championships held at Waterbury, Conn. She was the only first place winner for Tuskegee, but the team retained its squad title.

Pushes Stella Walsh to Victory



Journal and Guide Norfolk, Va. 9-16-39

HESTER BROWN, Tuskegee sophomore track star, who placed second to Stella Walsh in the 400 meters run at the National AAU championships which were held at Waterbury, Connecticut, September 3. She lost the race in the last ten meters by inches.

PERSONAL---BUT NOT PRIVATE

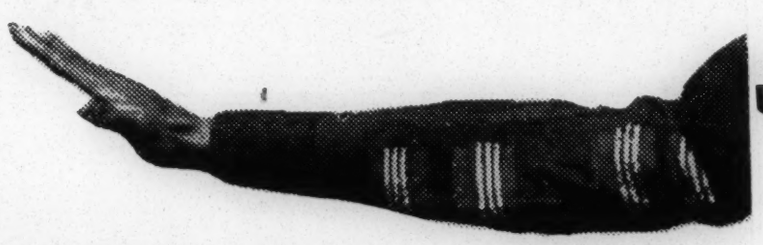
By DAVE FARRELL

U. C. L. A.'s Great Negro Stars Come Through

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 1.—If there is a slightly hysterical note to this effort—blame it on Kenny Washington and Jackie Robinson. Because those two young Negroes showed me more football than I've seen in ever so long. Together—and it was actually together—the way they blocked for each other was a joy to behold—they took the vaunted TCU national champions of last year, over the hurdles in a really rough tough opening game. And by so doing that Bruin club served notice on the rest of the football world that nobody had better count them out of anybody's running.

The UCLAns played inspired football in spurts last night. On defense they allowed themselves to get pushed around quite a bit—UNTIL Texas was down in pay-dirt. Texas had the ball first and goal to go on the five and was stopped colder than a hatful of dry ice. In four tries they got to the two. Texas Christian passed all over the field with great success but when the pitch for all the chips went, Mr. Mathews stepped in and intercepted the toss and ran some 60 yards toward the Bruin goal.

On the offense Westwood was magnificent when under the sparking of Kenny and Jackie they really got going. My notes, which I can hardly decipher, read in this order. "Somers recovered Odle's fumble on the 36. Washington made one on reverse. Washington made 14 on delayed reverse. First down UCLA.



Robinson made 16 on hidden ball play. First down UCLA. Washington made 3 over tackle. Washington made 16 outside tackle aided by brilliant blocking by Robinson and Overlin, particularly the latter. First down UCLA. Robinson made 8 to the 13 on end around. Washington made 4 inside tackle. First down UCLA. With Texas' eyes glued on both Washington and Robinson who were faking to right and left, Overlin went through line between tackle and guard and made touchdown."

Again when after the interception by Mathews, already noted, my hen-tracks translate this way: "Horrell replaced Fennenbock and Gilmore with Washington and Robinson. Ball on 29. Washington on delayed reverse made 5. Washington made 9 on end around. First down UCLA. Overlin made 1. Robinson made 6 outside tackle. Washington made 5 through weakside line. First down UCLA. As game ended UCLA was knocking at door for second score."

All this would make it sound as though UCLA romped through the TCU team at will. But such wasn't the case. The Horned Frogs scored 15 first downs to UCLA's 9. The Texas line was marvellous and at center they have a lad named Freddie Shook who isn't a hell of a long way behind Ky Aldrich, last year's All-American. In Jack Odle they've got the greatest triple-threater in college football today. He is another one of those great Texas passers, Baugh, O'Brien & Co., and in my presence completed 15 out of 25 tries, which is plenty plenty. He can run with the ball to either side and is an exceptionally good punter, besides being a 60-minute man. Texas has a swell ball team but I don't want to devote the space here to an analysis.

Woody Strode, the giant Negro end, was also a shining light on both offense and defense. That Odle didn't complete the rest of his passes is almost a tribute to Strody; he was on him so often. Strode played great football in that goal line stand. And a kudo should be given Jack Cohen at tackle. From time to time he showed flashes of genius. And as much can be said for Bob Simpson and Don Macpherson, wingmen whom I've liked in the past.

Horrell gave his green ivory plenty of opportunity to show their stuff and with the exception of Ted Jones, soph center, I couldn't spot one of them that looked like big-time material.

I don't want to carp in this piece because I recognize that it was a first game—with an under practiced team—against the great TCU's. But I must criticize some rather dumb signal calling. With the ball on the 37 as the result of Buck Gilmore's beautiful 24 yard return of Odle's punt—and UCLA leading by the slim 6-2 score—on the third down, with but three minutes remaining the play was obviously to freeze the ball and then kick. Yet for some reason the Bruin strategy called for Fennenbock to pass. And he threw the softest one of the evening, way over the head of the intended receiver only to have it intercepted by Sparks. From there on Texas passed at will only to be defeated when Mathews made the interception on the eleven. Backfield coach Blewett should go in for a lot of skull work with that kind of brain trusting.

However, let's call that an early season boner and forget it. But we can't forget that extraordinary team play ignited by the Negro backfield of Washington and Robinson. I notice that the slick magazines overlooked them in making picture lay-outs. Maybe that's the kind of treatment they'll get all year from the press. But they certainly won't from the stands. Kenny and Jackie will electrify even the most blase. Dutch Meyer, TCU's coach, said that there wasn't anybody in the Southwest Conference that could match Robinson's speed. "He's a threat every time he gets that ball. And as for Washington—Oh, what he can do with that ball!"

I'll let Dutch have the last word here.

JACK JOHNSON, JOE LOUIS WHAT?

Many interesting sidelights are thrown on the career of Jack Johnson in the fourth volume of a series of books on Negro fighters written by Nat Fleischer, sports authority. The volume is ably reviewed by Edward Van Avery, New York writer, who takes an impartial position on the matter.

In the words of the veteran scribbler, Van Avery:

"Though the author seems inclined to rate Johnson the greatest of the kings of the ring—superior to Joe Louis—the fairness with which the facts are set down does not tend to make out a very good case for Johnson. Nor does the book back up satisfactorily the contention Johnson was the best man of his day. If anything the narrative lends plenty of fuel on the fire of the argument still presisting to the effect Johnson was the champion of his day merely because he side-stepped Sam Langford.

"Langford, Sam McVey, Joe Jeannette and Ed Martin, as Fleischer admits in the preface of the book, stood out as challengers for the title, but Johnson as champion would not take on one of the quartet. It could not be that Jack drew the so-called "color line," for less than two years previous to meeting Willard, Jack fought Jim Johnson in Paris, in which bout Jack was lucky to get a draw and equally lucky it was limited to ten rounds.

Jack Dodged

"Johnson battled McVey, Jeannette and Martin frequently before his victory over Burns, but one meeting with Lankford seemed to satisfy Jack so far as Sam was concerned. That Johnson had the better of this contest, a fifteen round fray, is pretty well proved by the Fleischer researchers, though some fistic historians insist Johnson was floored and the verdict debatable.

"Four years before the Johnson match, Langford fought the lightweight champion, Joe Gans, and one year later engaged the welterweight boss, Joe Walcott, with no great weight advantage for Langford in either case. When Sam took on Johnson in 1906 he was no more than a middleweight, who gave away about forty pounds to Jack.

"As a full-fledged heavyweight during the Johnson reign, Langford could have probably given Jack more trouble than he did as a middleweight. For Johnson, following the defeat of Jefferies, was never again in really top form. Just before Johnson sailed for Australia and the Burns encounter he signed to fight Langford at the National Sporting Club in London Johnson took a run-out on this contract, though Langford chased him around for years in vain.

Gigantic Fan Campaign to End Jim Crow In Connecticut State League Is Won

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Aug. 18.—Good news for all those carrying on the fight to end discrimination in baseball! The campaign to reverse the Jim Crow ruling of the Connecticut State Baseball League has been won.

The campaign, sponsored by the New Haven Youth Conference to change a ruling which barred Negro pitcher Johnny Taylor from the New Britain team league, came to a successful conclusion when league president Joe Hannan informed the Conference on the morning of its gigantic protest meeting that no ruling barring Negroes existed any longer in the league. He said he and the league would oppose all undemocratic race bars in the future. Immediate steps to re-instate Taylor are being taken.

The Jim Crow baning of Taylor by several magnates aroused a state-wide campaign, which included athletes, coaches, players and managers in the league and churches. A petition campaign by the New Haven Youth Conference gained thousands of signatures and a mass meeting at New Britain was attended by an overflow crowd.

At the Youth Conference Meeting where the letter from the league president was read anouncing the victory, some of the speakers were Bob Wilson, sports editor of the Bridgeport "Herald,' Fred Tuttle, track coach of Hillhouse High School, Georgie Fitch, heavyweight fighter, Cal Sutherlin, Labor's Non-Partisan League and Clarence Carter, Connecticut Conference of Youth.

Baseball movies were shown through the courtesy of James Coogan of the Board of Recreation. Vernal Pemberton of the Negro Youth Council made the final statement by the Youth Conference on "Democracy in Sports." The Young Communist League of Connecticut worked overtime in collaboration with all the other groups in this successful fight for democracy in sports, which comes at a time when the managers, players and fans of big league teams are putting on a similar campaign on a national scale to end Jim Crow in all organized baseball.

'OWNERS WILL ADMIT NEGROES IF FANS DEMAND THEM' BLADES

Ray Blades, manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, put his finger on a pertinant fact this week when interviewed on the question of baseball's Jim Crow when he said:

"The owners will admit Negro players if the fans demands them."

Like National League managers McKechnie, Prothro, Durocher and Hartnett before him, Blades says the blame for the discrimination lies not with the manager or players, but with the club owners.

"It is not up to the managers and players," Blades told Wendell Smith of the Pittsburgh Courier, leading Negro newspaper, "but up to the men who pay out the salaries. We are hired to play ball and win a pennant. That is their problem."

"There is no doubt," he continued, "that there are plenty of Negro ball players capable of playing big league ball. And a number of them would be outstanding stars." Like most big leaguers, Blades has played against Negro teams in after-season exhibitions.

Of the National League managers interviewed to date, only Bill Terry of the New York Giants has come out against the ending of the discrimination against Negro players, and even he admitted that many of the Negro players were more than good enough. Managers Casey Stengel and Pie Traynor of Boston and Pittsburgh haven't been quoted yet.

PEPPER MARTIN SPEAKS UP

If any one player represents the St. Louis team in the imagination of the fans, it is Captain Pepper Martin, original Gashouse Gang spark plug and leader of "Martin's Mudcats," the most offkey and enthusiastic group of ball playing musicians ever gathered.

Pepper hails from Temple, Oklahoma, and here's what he has to say about Negro players.

"I have played against some of the best Negro ball players.

"A few years ago I played with Diz Dean and some other big leaguers against the Kansas City Monarchs. (Negro team). I'm telling you they really had a team. I saw at least five guys on that team good enough for big league baseball."

Pepper recalled that the base running performances of a Negro team in 1930 spurred his own sensational escapade in the World Series of 1931, in which he ran the pants off the A's to help the Cards win the series.

"We were winning that game in the last of the ninth 4-1," he recalled. "Diz was with us too. However the first man up got a hit and then it was on. The man on first streaked for second just as our pitcher threw to the batter. The batter laid one down the first base line and beat it out. The man who had streaked to second went all the way to third on the play." From that time

on they drove us nuts. Every man that got on ran like wli daround the bases, and they won, 5-4.

"That aggressive type of ball, the type that Ty Cobb always advocated," continued the Card captain, "always impressed me. . . . I made up my mind right then I would play that kind of ball in the majors. And I did it all that next year and in the series against the A's," he said with pride.

Asked about Negro players coming into the big leagues, Pepper said:

"Negroes have been admitted into every other branch of sport, and I think they will be included in big league baseball. Just how long it will be I cannot say. But I am sure that we will have them up there."

Asked if he thought some players might object, as arguments have it, Pepper replied,

"Some of the players might object. But on the whole I think they would be accepted right along with the others. After all, we're playing this game to make a living and just as long as the money keeps rolling in trice a month that's all that matters to a player.

"Louis, Armstrong and Lewis have done a lot towards easing the Negro athletes' burden. They have won the admiration of millions of white folks. All the big league ball players regard them highly."

Coming next in the rapidly moving campaign to end discrimination against the admittedly great Negro stars in our National Pastime.

Larry MacPhail, President of the Brooklyn Ball Club, and Bucky Harris, manager of the Washington Senators, give the Daily Worker their slant.

Jesse Owens, Helen Stephens Featured In Sports Carnival

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—(SNS)—Speed, action and thrills are guaranteed Friday night, 8:15 p. m., September 1, at Parkway Field, when the Big Four Star Sports Carnival gets underway.

Big League baseball game between Oscar Charleston's original Pittsburgh Crawfords of the Negro National League, and Harry Clive's original White House of David, of Benton Harbor, Mich.

Exhibitions of speed between the world champion speedsters, Jesse Owens and Miss Helen Stephens. Both Olympic champions who are now touring the country as professionals.

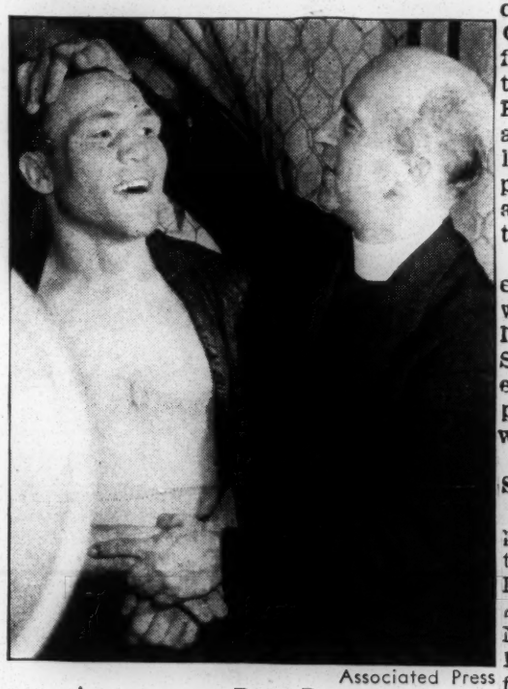
Miss Stephens is 21 years old, six feet tall and weighs 190 pounds, holds the distinction of being the fastest girl runner in the world. She insists that she can beat Owens' time in a 100 yard dash. She can run a 100 yards under ten seconds.

The Crawfords managed by Oscar Charleston who was one of the greatest colored players of all times, has one of the youngest and best teams in the National League. The veteran Charleston is still active and will play first base in Friday night's game. The Crawfords' last appearance here they defeated the Ethiopian Clowns, world's independent colored champions, in a double-header.

The House of David, bearded boys from King Bens Colony of Benton Harbor, Michigan are in a class by themselves when it comes to real entertainment. In addition to playing a fine brand of baseball the Davids, world's best novelty white baseball team, will exhibit their Famous Pepper Game and show the fans some unusual sideline coaching.

Armstrong v. Ambers

A year ago Negro Henry Armstrong wore three crowns: world's featherweight, lightweight and welterweight boxing championships. Last winter, staggering under the responsibility of this multiple headdress, he tossed off the featherweight crown because he considered it too bothersome to get his weight down to the required maximum of 126 lbs. Last week, before a crowd of 30,000 in New York's Yankee Stadium, another crown—the lightweight—toppled off when onetime Champion Lou Ambers (Luigi D'Ambrosio), whom he had dethroned a year ago, was awarded the nod in a 15-round match for the title.



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AMBERS AND REV. PURIFICATO

Basement to title to basement to title.

After 15 rounds of tireless punching on both sides, Referee Arthur Donovan and the two judges agreed that Ambers had won. Quick to felicitate the new champion was Rev. Gustave Purificato, the priest under whose wing he learned to fight in a Herkimer, N. Y. church basement. But some of the other spectators were not so pleased with the decision. Some thought Armstrong was robbed of victory by the referee who took away five rounds for low blows which looked like unavoidable and harmless border-line punches. Others thought Armstrong had thrown the fight (fouling Ambers deliberately). Big, bombastic Eddie Mead, Armstrong's manager, brayed that his boy was "jobbed," accused one of the New York boxing commissioners of making the referee foul-conscious.

After the verbal smoke had cleared away, at least two things were apparent to impartial eyes: Lou Ambers is not a great fighter, Henry Armstrong is losing his steam. Although last week's defeat was his first in 47 fights, the little black dynamo who knocked out 35 of 37 opponents within 18 months has chalked up only three knockouts in his last nine matches.

Dixie Coaches, Officials Open Up Meet Tomorrow

Tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, the Southern Coaches and Officials Association will assemble for its annual fall grid sessions at the Butler Street YMCA with W. P. (Jack) Adkins, athletic director and head coach of Le Moyne college, Memphis, Tennessee, who is president of the body, in the chair and B. T. Harvey, secretary-treasurer, recording developments.

The officials began arriving as early as Wednesday afternoon when Coaches Adkins and G. H. Lockhart, the latter of Alabama State Teachers College, Montgomery, Alabama, arrived. As in the past, every conference institution will be represented this year.

SUBER, HORACE BELL NEW

Among coaches and officials expected here as representatives of their respective colleges are Frank L. Forbes, Vernon E. Smith, S. H. Archer, Jr., and F. C. Gassett from Morehouse; Ralph C. Robinson, Larke Suber, and M. E. Turrentine from Clark; W. J. Nicks, Artis P. Graves, and A. J. Lockhart from Morris Brown; Oliver C. Dawson and Paul R. Webber from S. C. State; J. B. Bragg, W. M. Bell, A. J. Gaither and Horace Bell from Florida; William O'Shields and R. S. Darnaby from Tuskegee; Rufus Lewis, C. Johnson Dunn, G. H. Lockhart, and Garrick Hardy from Alabama; Theodore A. Wright, Giles Wright, R. T. Pearson, and Ralph Metcalfe from Xavier; Edward J. Clemmons from Lane; W. P. (Jack) Adkins from Le Moyne; Wallace O. Hawkins from Knoxville; W. H. Kindle and Gordon H. Kitchen from Talladega; Henderson A. Johnson from Fisk; and Walter Dean and Thelman H. D. Crawford from Benedict.

FUN SUNDAY NIGHT

The rules interpretation meeting is the most important of the 1939 sessions tomorrow afternoon, Sunday morning and afternoon here. As a special bit of entertainment, the coaches and officials will take in the local offering of the choice Sunday midnight. They have a wide range of selection as Louis Armstrong will be at the city auditorium, Levi Mann and His Ambassadors will be at Top Hat, and Pill De Lyons and his Troubadours will be at Sunset Casino.

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CINCINNATI REDS' MANAGER, PLAYERS LAUD NEGRO STARS

By WENDELL SMITH
Assistant Sports Editor

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Baseball—the great American game—is celebrating a centennial this year! The memorial shrine which has been erected at Cooperstown, New York, marking the spot where, in 1839, Abner Doubleday outlined with a stick in the dirt the present diamond-shaped field and indicated the location of the bases and players, is a fitting symbol of the greatest sport in the world today.

For one hundred years this great game has thrived on the sporting blood of the American people and developed from a mere pastime to a million dollar business.

A war-frightened audience sits in the stands of Europe these days waiting for the inevitable to happen. Some time soon guns will roar and men will march. The vigorous young blood of Europe will paint a picture of horror, pain, and death across a sky that is foggy with lethal dust.

But here in America the picture is different. The only roar is that of a baseball-mad nation. The only marching, by spiked, mercury-tinted feet that burn up the basepaths. The portrait here is of robust home runs, dazzling fast balls and heart-breaking strike-outs!

Baseball is for America. Cannon fodder for Europe!

And yet in the very middle of this fascinating American portrait, which stands for freedom, democracy and fair play, there is a ghastly discoloring that mars its symbolic existence.

For years organized baseball has unjustly branded the Negro baseball player as an undesirable and refused to allow him his place on its canvas of countless colors. Despite the fact that he is qualified and willing, strong and able, he is shunned and ignored.

As this great portrait stretches across the American horizon, its brilliance is tarnished with intolerance and prejudice and hovers over our heads like the war-clouds of gun-powdered Europe!

This closed door policy of organized baseball could easily be called the great American tragedy!

Its existence is a blot on the Statue of Liberty, the American flag, the constitution . . . and all this great land stands for!

Slowly, but surely, this exclusion of the Negro player in the major leagues has grown from an accepted fact to a vital question of importance. As the mind of the American public broadens, the question takes on gigantic proportions and becomes a query of perplexing qualities that the majesties of baseball must soon answer satisfactorily.

There is no written law which bars the Negro from playing in the big leagues. It is simply a "gentleman's agreement" between club owners that the sepia player is not to be included.

In the past five years this form of sporting segregation has been revealed to the public by the press of the nation. Such celebrated writers as Jimmy Powers, Lloyd Lewis, Shirley Povich, Bill Corum and Dan Parker have seen fit to champion the cause of the Negro player. Courageous writers like those mentioned and the ever-fighting Negro press, with the Pittsburgh Courier in the vanguard, have laid the question squarely before the officials of major league baseball.

The answers have always been weak and based upon assumption, rather than fact. The monarchs of baseball have insisted on passing the buck to the managers and players.

They claim that the managers and players would revolt if the barriers were torn down and the closed door opened.

Ford Frick, President of the National League, whom we interviewed not long ago, gave us the owner's side of this vital question when he stated that the complex social barometer of this country makes it impossible for the Negro player to crash the big leagues.

In simple translation, Frick was saying that the white players would not stand for Negro players in the majors.

It was this biased theory that inspired us to dig down deeper, to rip open the seams of big league baseball, and get the testimonials and opinions of the cream of the National League players.

Tracked Down Leading Figures of National League For Their Personal Opinions of Sepia Stars

Pursuing them like an ambitious "G-Man" hot on the trail of a desperate criminal, we tracked down eight managers and 40 outstanding players in the National League during the past two months.

From the undignified atmosphere of the shower room, to the confines of exclusive hotel retreats we chased these high-priced gems of the diamond.

Each one was placed upon the witness stand. And at each one we volleyed this vital question:

What is your opinion of the Negro ball player?

It is both fitting and proper that the lead-off position in this star-studded lineup be given the pace-setting Cincinnati Reds, the once bed-ridden ball club of unwanted castoffs, who, under the shrewd management of crafty Bill McKechnie, are now winging their way toward the National League pennant.

On April 29, just before the "Rampant Reds" clashed with the Pittsburgh Pirates at Forbes Field, we slipped into the Cincinnati dugout and had a heart to heart talk with "Wilkinsburg Bill" McKechnie, regarded by baseball critics as the best pilot in the big leagues today.

Bill McKechnie is well qualified to answer this important question. He has been around a long time. He led Pittsburgh to a pennant in 1925 and St. Louis in '28. He pulled the Boston Bees out of the doldrums in '37, and hoisted the Reds from the cellar to the first division last season. He's the Senior circuit's "Miracle Man," a horsehide Houdini!

WILLIAM "BILL" McKECHNIE
Manager Cincinnati Reds

Two Finish Courses at Drake University June 5

In the 1939 graduating class of Drake university held Monday, June 5, two Negro students receiving degrees were: Miss Enola Thompson, daughter of Mrs. John L. Thompson, and the late Attorney John L. Thompson awarded Master of Arts degree in English; and, George Warren Robinson, Jr., son of Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Robinson, a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology science.

Miss Thompson, who has been teaching in the Northeast junior high school of Kansas City, for nine years, studied for her masters during the summer sessions and prepared for her thesis "Jesse Faucet As An Interpretor of Negro Life."

She is a native of Des Moines having received her elementary education at the Nash grade and West junior high schools, and her A. B. degree at Drake.

Prior to teaching in Kansas City she spent three years as an instructor at the Dunbar school of Okmulgee, Okla.

Mr. Robinson, one of the three sons of the Rev. and Mrs. Robinson, pastoral couple of the Corinthian Baptist church, is a native of Texas, although he received his education in Des Moines. He attended Crocker, West junior high and North high schools.

During his college career at Drake he was a member of the track team for three years, assistant in the freshman biology laboratory and assistant track coach at North high.

He is a member of the Corinthian church and sings in the choir, serves on the executive B. Y. P. U. board and is a member of the Y. M. C. A.

NORTH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

LAURETTA VIRGINIA BLACKWELL.

EVELYN CLAUDINE CARR—Girl's Home Room Athletic Manager 7; Orchestra 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Band 3; B Chorus 5; Girls Glee Club 4, 8; Swimming 7, 8; Student leader 7.

EVELYN MILDRED CHAPMAN—Finance Committee 8; Hall Monitor 8; French Alliance 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Secretarial Club 7, 8; Senior Banquet Committee 8.

HARRY WYATT FLIPPINGS—Art Committee; B Chorus 3 4; Boy's Glee Club 3, 4.

FRED MITCHELL GRAHAM—Publicity 6, 7, 8; Home Room Senior Representative 8; Track 6, 8; Orchestra 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Circulo Espanol Club 6, 7, 8, Vice President.

ESTHER MAE HOLT—Circulo Espanol Club 7, 8; B Chorus 3, 4; C Chorus 4, 5; Girls Glee Club 7, 8; Home Room Senior Representative 8.

CHARLES PRESTON HOWARD, JR.—Judical Board Committee 8; Ushers Committee 3, 4, 5, 6; Citizenship Representative 8; Halls Committee 6, 7; Camera Club 8; B Chorus 4; C Chorus 3; Football 3, 5, 7; Basketball 5, 6, 8; Golf 4; Track 6, 8; Senior Class Sargent-at-Arms 8; Oracle Editoral Staff 7, 8; Suplement Editoral Staff 8.

LAWRENCE JACKSON—Football 5, 7; Track 4, 6, 8.

LACIE MAE JOHNSON—Iwatka Club 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Inter-Club Council; Eleanor Holloway Club 5; French Alliance 5; Library Assistant.

JAMES ISSAC MCGEE—Gun and Conservation Club 5 6; Track.

HAROLD ALEXANDER MORROW—Basketball 4, 6; Senior Banquet Committee 8.

LAUNA QUINCY—Girls' Home Room Athletic Manager; Talent Club; A Cappella Chorus; B Chorus; Girls Glee Club; Home Room Senior Representative 8.

NADINE ROMONA ROBINSON—Social Committee 7, 8; Camera Club 8; Inter-Club; Council Representative; French Club 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Alumni Committee; Girls Reserve 7, 8; Athletic Assembly; Senior Banquet Committee 8; Oracle Reporting 7, 8; Supplement Editorial Staff 8.

EUSTACE JOHN WARE—Circulo Espanol Club 6, 7, 8; Oracle Reporting 8; Track 6, 8; Hall Monitor 7.

PAUL GODFREY WILLIAMS—Social Committee 8, 9; Member of the Student Parent Council 8; Home Room Vice President 8; Citizenship Representative 7; Boys' Home Room Athletic Manager 4, 6; Societas Romanas Club 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Membership Chariman; Basketball 4, 5; Tenis 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Captain 7, 8; Intre Mural 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Senior Class Sergeant-at-Arms Committee 8.

East High

ARTHUR BAGBY, TRACK 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Football 3, 4; Monitor 5, 6, 7; Track honors—Two ring monogram.

JAMES A. BOSTON—Brush and Palette 7.

NISAN LOUISE BOSTON—Brush and Palette 7; Girl Reserves 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8.

GEORGE BROWN.

FRANK EVANS—Football 3, 4, 7; Track 4.

CHARLES FANT—E Epi Tan 3; Art and Song 5; Student Council 8.

ELEANOR L. DEVAN—Pen Pushers 5, 8; Amateur Authors 6; Shakespearan 8; Home Economics 8.

LORRAYNE FRAZIER—Lincoln High School 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Amateur Authors 8.

Edgar HALL—Band 3, 4, 5, 6, 7.

BERNICE JONES—Amateur Authors 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Pilimathean.

ALICE MARGARET KINNEY—Extravaganza 7; Girls Glee Club 7, 8; Shakespearan 8; Winter Festival 7; Home Economics Club 8.

HAROLD MILLER—Track honors, three ring monogram 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Basketball 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Co-Captain Football 3, 4.

WENDALL SMITH—Orchestra 3, 4.

THURMAN SPRIGGS—Track 4, 6.

HARRY TAYLOR—Track 5, 6; Scriblers 3, 4; Band 4, 5; Orchestra 4, 5.

WILLA MAE TUNLEY—Brush and Palette club 7.

WILLIAM WELLS—Track 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Brush and Palette 7, 8.

IRENE WHITE—A Cappella 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; Glee Club 5, 6, 7, 8; G. A. A. 3, 4 5, 6, 7, 8; Golf Club 5, 8; Home Economics 8; Art 8; Scroll Staff 7, 8; Extravagana 7, 8.

CLINTON CARTER—Track 6, 8; Football 3.

Pictures not listed—

EDDIE BELL—Football 4, 5, 8; Basketball 3, 5; Track 8.

FRANK KIASER—Football 3, 5, 7; Track 4, 6, 8; Monitor 5, 6, 7, 8; Track honors—Three ring monogram.

CHARLES HARRY SAUNDERS—Football 3, 5, 7; Track 4, 6; Monitor 3, 4, 5, 6; Stage 5, 6, Art Contest 7. Track honors—One ring monogram.

Nova Joins Schmeling, Louis In 'Baer-Hits-Hardest' Club

BY JOHN LARDNER
(Released By North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 6—A bunch of boys were whooping it up in a hotel room in Philly, when out of the night, which was 50 below (or something pretty chilly), there stumbled a fighter, fresh from the road—without to cut a long story along the crooked line, it was Lou Nova, who is training here for a fight with Anthony Galento on Sept. 15.

Before Mr. Nova could speak 500 words in his own defense, somebody asked what was the hardest punch he ever took.

"I'll tell you what it was," said Ray Carlen, Nova's manager.

"No, wait a minute, I'll tell you," said Ray Arcel, Nova's trainer.

"One moment, boys," said Mr. Nova, who rules his staff with an iron hand. Lifting this hand, iron and all, he said: "I will ask you for a little silence while I deal with this point myself. How do you fellows know what was the hardest punch I ever took. Did you take it?"

Forced To Admit It

Put in this way, the staff had to admit that it was Mr. Nova, if anybody, who took the hardest punch of Lou's career.

"Certainly," said the big fellow, "I took it, all right. But I don't know what it was. The fact is, folks, that, while many a terrific puncher has hit me flush on the chin, I never felt 'em. I can take a terrible punch."

"That's right," said Mr. Arcel.

"Well spoken," said Mr. Carlen.

"Sure," said Mr. Nova. "In one round of my fight with Max Baer, Max hit me seven rights on the point of the jaw. Did I go down? No. Did I show distress? Well, I did head for the wrong corner at the end of the round, but seven punches like that would probably start an elephant east on a west-bound street. Why was I able to take those punches?" asked the speaker of the evening.

"Because Baer has lost his punch," suggested a member of the audience.

Mr. Nova looked somewhat startled by this reply, which he did not remember in the script.

"Lost his punch?" said Lou.

"Lost his punch?" said Mr. Carlen.

"Lost his punch?" said Mr. Arcel.

The staff went into a huddle on this motion, and decided to table it.

"Baer is still a great puncher," said Mr. Nova firmly. "I think he's the hardest hitter in the world. I'll tell you why he didn't hurt me. It's the way I hold my neck."

"How do you hold it?" said the heckler in the audience. "With both hands?"

"I roll my neck with the punch?" said Mr. Nova with dignity. "It makes me look like an amateur, but it's the secret of my success. The punch don't hurt me, because my head goes with it."

The fighter, who is really a nice guy, though he swallowed Roget's Thesaurus as a youth and eats a page out of Webster's dictionary every morning with sugar and cream, held firm to his case for Baer as the world's hardest puncher.

Louis Better In Ring

"If they took turns at some punching machine or measuring instrument," he said, "Baer would probably make a better score than Joe Louis—I mean if they just wound up and swung the right. Louis hits better and quicker from a fighting position, but Baer's roundhouse right is the hardest wallop."

In favor of marvelous Maxwell, you must remember that Nova is not the only man who fought him to sing the same tune. Max Schmeling, who sat in the barber's chair for Baer and Louis both, always said that Baer gave you a closer shave. And Louis himself calls Baer the hardest puncher of his experience.

But Mr. Galento hit Louis a more successful punch than Baer ever did, and Nova's neck will have to roll a long way to escape the full flavor of Tony's good left hand. He ought to beat Tony—he ought to cut Anthony's face into neat lengths of ribbon—but, if Lou stubbornly tries to test that chin of his again, he'll always remember Philadelphia as the place where fireplugs jump up and bite you.

Mozelle Ellerbe Wins Praise Of Al Moses

By AL MOSES for ANP

Mozelle Ellerbe begins to shape up with the Anderson brothers of Pacific coast fame, the sole sprinter of our group capable of turning back Clyde Jeffrey (white) at 100 and 200 yards. For two seasons Jeffrey has been threatening to put the heat on and now he has arrived with a vengeance. When a man continuously flirts with 9.4 for the century, and 20.8 for the furlong, he's likely to link the supposed fleetest human every day in the week and hourly on Sunday.

Should war blot out the proposed 1940 Olympic games, this prediction will have no place in the realm of fact. But as we view it, no Olympian contest can hope to rival the meeting of Woodruff and Borican New Yorkers will be treated to during the coming outdoor season.

Pocket billiard lovers, watching such names as Marcel Camp, Chuck Seeback, Ornofrio Laurie, Lynch, Daly and Harmon appearing in the state championships, write in to inquire what has become of former worlds' colored pocket billiard champion, James Evans?

Evans makes Southern New Jersey his bailiwick these days, and though we pleaded with him to come back to "the wars," he seems content to "call it a day."

Conqueror of 17 times world's champion Ralph Greenleaf (white) and at different times in his career here which dates back to 1919, every first ranking player of African extraction approach him in any essential of the game. When speaking of outstanding Negro champions, you miss the mark sadly when you fail to list Evans' name foremost.

Larry LaForte, son of Billy LaForte (main gun at fashionable "Villepiques Inn"), chimes in with an "All Time" baseball team that is a honey—make no mistake about it. 1st base, Leroy Grant; 2nd base, "Topsy" Munroe; 3rd base, Oliver Marcelle; ss, John Henry Lloyd; outfield, Charleston, Torrienti, Harris; catchers, Bruce Petway, Gonzales, Josh Gibson; pitchers, Rube Foster, Mendez, Wickware, Joe Williams, Satchel Paige. Whew! What can a fellow say when fans list a team like the above, capable of licking any baseball aggregation the world ever knew???

Al Brown, the fashion plate of the prize ring for more than two decades (or thereabouts) returns to the wars Saturday nite (Rockland Palace) against Cristobal Jaramillio, bantamweight king of Porto Rico, in the featured ten-round bout.

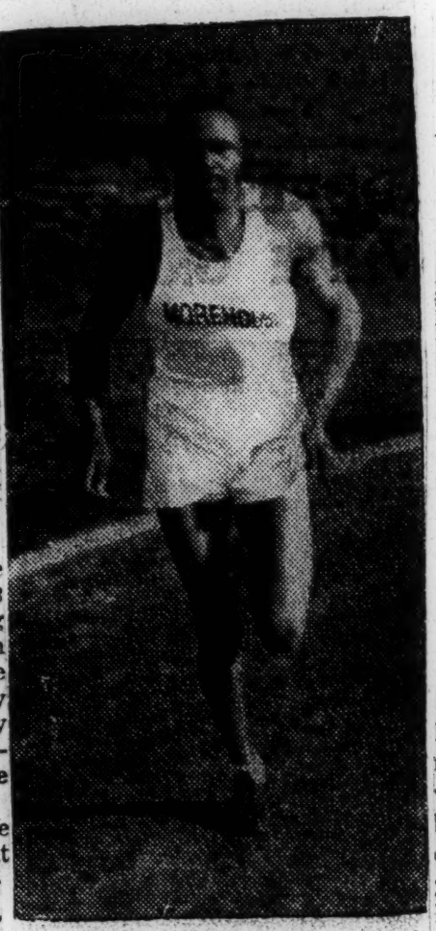
Still recognized throughout the world as champion of the 118 pounders (International Boxing union's edict) the tallest bantam in the entire history of glove fighting barring possibly Harry Harris (white), who fought away back when Grandma and dad ruled the roost. Brown wears like steel, and is twice as tough.

You know, fans, it's not those plano, square built chaps who cut you to ribbons inside the roped enclosure as a usual thing. Rather, the angular, ready-for-the-grave appearing chaps who strike with the speed of a cobra and scarcely less devastating.

The long years have ridden the back to Alfonso Teopilo Brown, gracefully, and after watching him in the gym, we pick him to win over the rugged Porto Rican who holds to his credit victories over ranking warriors like Tony Dupre, Nat Lifkin, Lou Gevinson and Fay Ingram.

"Long Island university proved itself one of the greatest court teams in history" last season. Begins the opening sentence of a letter (never published) that we sent to Jimmy Powers, sports editor of the "Daily News." But later along in the latter we literally flayed the hide off Powers, and the rest of the daily field of sports writers who, for obvious reasons, failed to include the victories of Kentucky and Virginia Union (both Negro institutions) over the undefeated white champions.

Aids Maroons



ULYSSES AMOS

—who finished first in the 220-yard low hurdles, second in the running broad jump and 100-yard dash, third in the 120-yard high hurdles, and ran third leg on the winning mile relay team for Morehouse Saturday afternoon, April 22, on the Atlanta University athletic field in the Gate City. All told, Amos chalked up 13 1-4 points for the Maroon Tigers. Morehouse won over Alabama and Morris Brown with 59 1-2 points.

SPORTS

By Allen Ashby

NEGRO ATHLETES WIN HONORS AT DRAKE

In spite of the absence of big name Negro athletes most of whom were all at the Penn Relays, those who like to enthuse over the performance of Negro athletes in the Drake relays got a better show than most of them had hoped for. We were forced to sit by and see the broad jump with not a single Negro entered for the first time in twelve years; we were shut out in the one hundred yard dash when the other boys ran too fast for Hicks of Xavier and Shelton of Marquete; Ed Smith of Wisconsin had to run his head off to place fifth in the hurdle race, but we felt we were repaid for that by what we did see. Williams of Xavier grabbed first place in the shot put with a heave of fifty-one feet three inches, and Elliott of Omaha nosed out Dillion of Drake, for second place with a toss of forty-seven feet, eight and five eighths inches. This never happened before in any Drake Relay. Also for the first time in the history of the relays, a Negro competed in the pole vault. Tom Farmer of Xavier found the going a bit too rough, but stuck until twelve feet ten before he went out. Another Xavier athlete, Farron, pulled up third in the toughest of all races, the four forty yard hurdles.

Still another of these athletes, Williamson collared himself a third place in the high jump by trying with Ed Burke of Marquette.

Borican Loses to Fenske

We were forced to undergo our greatest disappointment when John Borican, who shattered all existing records for one thousand yards last winter showed up apparently not in his best of condition for his special race with Chuck Fenske of Wisconsin. Borican seemed content to set a rather slow pace for about eight hundred yards with Fenske at his heals. Then he attempted to go to town, and when he got there, found the lanky boy still on his heels like a shadow. Johnny called for the heat, but the fire was out and there wasn't any neat. Fenske swept past him to win in the slow time of 9:19.2. Our only lights in the university section were Shelton and Lee Carr of Marquette who placed their team fourth in both the quarter and half mile relays. Smith of Wisconsin anchored his team into fifth place in the shuttle hurdle relay.

College Section

In the college section we had some fun watching our schools finish in the money whenever they started. The Kansas Teachers of Pittsburg with Aitkins and Washington were unable to catch the Loyala team of Chicago and had to take second in the college sprint medely. The teachers were chased in by Prairie View with Alliance, Marks, Pickett, and Holland running in the order named. These boys had a fight on their hands with Western U. of Kansas City who ran fourth. Running along with Purd, Christian and Hunter for Western was Bob Coffman, former Ft. Dodge high school ace. Chandler of Toledo ran a scorching two twenty to place his team second in the half mile relay for colleges barring freshmen. In a few more yards, Chandler might have caught the flying anchor man from East Texas Teacher's school. Chandler and Peoples also helped Toledo place fifth in the mile relay for these same colleges. The greatest quarter

of the meet was run by Aitkins of Pittsburg teachers when he pulled his team into first place in the mile relay for colleges permitting freshmen competition. The boy grabbed the baton a good twenty yards behind the anchor man for Oklahoma Baptist team. He lit out like an old fire horse, turning on the steam as they came off the last curve, and finished five yards in front of the Oklahoman to receive the greatest ovation of the day. Washington was the other series sepia member of the Pittsburg team.

Prep and Grade Schools

We had our usual quota of runners in the prep and grade school section, and they did all right. Amos Hiatt put Sharp, Freeman and Garland ahead of a white anchor boy and galloped away with first place in the junior high quarter mile relay, and four young Negroes ran like scared rabbits to give Emmerson a first in the grade school shuttle race. In the special events for Des Moines high schools Negroes really took charge. In the half mile relay East put William Mash, John Davis and Frank Kaiser after a white lead-off boy and ran away with the race. North reversed things and put Bu Jackson, Del Morrison and Wally Hill ahead of a white anchor ma and finished second. Kaiser als showed the boys the back of his nec in the special one hundred yard dash as Jackson nosed out Davis of Eas for second. The Cedar Rapids team had Harold Briggs, Amity Blakely Earl Carr and Jim Furgeson on their short relay teams and took second in both the quarter mile and half mile relays behind the Ft. Madison team, but it remained for Jewell Thompson of Oskaloosa to furnish the fireworks in the class B high school section. This youngster virtually singlehanded placed his team in third place in the quarter and half mile relays, and then ran a blistering quarter, coming from last place to win second in the mile relay.

Kaiser Wins Mile Relay

In the class A high schools East was our main hope. They ran Bagby, Davis and Kaiser ahead of the usual white lead-off man to finish second in the half mile and quarter mile relays behind West High of Minneapolis. In the half mile relay Kaiser really had it with little Ronny Baker of Davenport before he could claim second place. Kaiser turned in a fine quarter to grab the mile relay for East, picking up a lot of slack to down East Sioux City. Bagby and Davis also ran on the team and this team they were running with the white boy between them. Big Jim Thompson ran his legs off to help Roosevelt place third, and Charlie Howard, Wally Hill and Del Morrison ran in vain to secure a place for North.

Our own personal interest in the relays, the Martin Hotel bell-boy relay team coached by yours truly and consisting of Bill Ware, Morton Graves, Frank Massey, and Tom Avant, were tricked by the Kirkwood Hotel team who wore track shoes and out-run by the Randolph hotel boys. We got third.

Ellerbe Sets Two New Records In Prairie View Relays

Xavier Wins Meet; Tuskegee Wins Women's Events

By C. A. Lockett

Prairie View, Tex—Mozell Ellerbe of Tuskegee displayed championship from here Saturday in the Ninth Annual P. V. Relays to outclass a field of top notch sprinters and set a new record in both the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

Track critics who watched Ealy of Tilotson, Pickett of P. V. and Hicks of Xavier in the qualifying heats predicted that llerbe would be forced to break his own records of 10:2 seconds in the 100 and 22:7 seconds in the 220 to retain his sprint championship.

Pushed by Hicks and Wilson of Xavier in the 100 Ellerbe breezed to the tape in 9:8 seconds, four tenths of a second better than the mark which he formerly set in the Prairie Relays and three tenths of a second slower than the time in which he won the Drake 100 yard dash last year.

Aided by a slight wind, the flashy sprinter dispelled all doubt concerning his track supremacy a few minutes later when he leaped out in front in the 220 and broke the tape in 21:1 seconds. Pickett of Prairie View, who was favored to upset the champion, came in second, trailing Ellerbe by five yards.

Xavier Wins Relays

Showing complete disregard for old records, athletes from 16 colleges broke an amazing total of 19 marks in track and fied events Xavier with a host of supermen accounted for eight of the records that fell.

Women's Events

Coach Petty's Tuskegee girls again dominated the Tournament, winning first feminine division of the Prairie View Relays and Tennis place in seven of the eight scheduled events and breaking four of the records which they set in last year's meet.

Tuskegee's Golf Team Cops Second Annual Inter-Collegiate Tourney

TUSKEGEE, Ala., May 25—Alfred T. Holmes, Atlanta, Ga., led the Tuskegee golf team to victory in the second annual Intercollegiate golf tournament, held on the Russell C. Atkins course here during the thirteenth annual Tuskegee Relay Carnival. Holmes had a score of 312 for 72 holes. Benjamin White of the Florida A. and M. College took second place after a play-off with Claude McElroy of Tuskegee and George Nelms of Morehouse.

The first prize for the women went to Janie Coleman of the Florida A. Donamerhle Williams of Tuskegee Institute.

The first team prize went to Tuskegee Institute. Florida and Morehouse tied for second place. Florida won second place in the play-off. The Tuskegee team won with a score of 1394. Morehouse and Florida tied with a score of 1395.

FANS NOT SOLD ON RETURN BATTLE

By TED POSTON

NEW YORK, Sept. 7—Henry Armstrong and Lou Ambers will not fight for the welterweight championship of the world on November 1, the Courier learned this week. The stench of the recent lightweight fiasco between the two champions has killed the possibility of a third meeting in the near future.

Although no official announcement has been made of the change, the Courier learned from unimpeachable sources this week that negotiations are already under way to substitute Pedro Montanez for Ambers in the scheduled Madison Square Garden bout when Henry places his title—and last—title on the line.

The negotiations got under way last week, immediately after the New York State Athletic Commission suspended both Eddie Meade and Al Weill, managers of the two title holders, on Tuesday. Meade, Armstrong's pilot, drew a 13-month ban after he had accused Referee Arthur Donovan of prejudice, incompetence and indecision in the recent fight which cost Armstrong his lightweight title. Weill was given a four-months suspension for heckling Donovan during the contest.

Although the suspensions were not taken seriously, since the Commission indicated that they would be lifted for the November 1 welterweight battle between Ambers and Armstrong, the managers quietly agreed that the fans were still too indignant over the recent five-foul decision and would hardly support a third Armstrong-Ambers bout so soon.

As a result Weill went into conference at once with Lew Burston, manager of Montanez, and suggested that the Puerto Rican substitute for Ambers in the scheduled welterweight go. Meade gave his approval to such a plan after a secret conference with Burston last Wednesday evening. The new arrangement will be announced as soon as Mike Jacobs, the promoter, returns from the West where he is completing plans for two fights this month—Louis and Pastor, and Galento and Nova.

Montanez was chosen as the next Armstrong opponent because of his proven drawing power. The little Puerto Rican grossed $54,000 in his last meeting with Ambers in the Garden. Montanez, incidentally has fought Ambers twice, winning a ten-rounder and losing the decision in 15. He has lost only two important fights in the last three years—the lightweight title go in the Carnival of Champions, and the Davey Day fiasco at the Garden last May. Referee Fred Fullam stopped the Day fight because of a cut over Montanez' eye in the eighth, but the Puerto Rican was far ahead in points at the time.

Montanez recently hit the comeback trail by kayoing Howard Scott of Pittsburgh in two rounds. He was scheduled to continue this Thursday (September 7) by meeting Vincent Pimpinella, a 150-pounder, at Fort Hamilton.

If he passes this second test successfully, the Puerto Rican will be assured of the November 1 spot with Armstrong.

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JESSE OWENS

JESSE OWENS, the No. 1 hero of the 1936 Olympiad, made the headlines again last week by filing a voluntary petition of bankruptcy. Owens has been working as a WPA playground director in Cleveland for some months until he was recently appointed salesman for a large liquor firm. His petition cited that he owed in excess of $8,000 and had assets of about $2,000. Foreclosure proceedings have been started on the $6,500 home which he purchased shortly after his triumphal return from Germany.

Many people will feel sorry for the "world's fastest human." But since he is still a young man, we are of the opinion that he will get over his present difficulties and has now learned the bitter lesson that "easy" money goes just as easy as it comes in, and that one of the hardest things for a young man to do is to hold on to money when he earns it.

Instead of completing his final year at Ohio State University, Owens elected to turn pro and made personal appearances in several large cities upon his return from Europe. Bill Robinson and his manager tried to make an actor of him, but were unsuccessful. Then he became a band leader; a political speaker for the Republican National Committee; leader of a professional basketball team, and sold the use of his name to endorse several products. He also permitted his first coach to use him as the subject of an article in the Saturday Evening Post.

Whether he was properly paid for these services, we do not know, but we do know that he seemed unable to remain at any job for very long and finally friends secured a post as playground and athletic director for him in his home city. For a time, it appeared that he would settle down but he recently gave up this work to become a liquor salesman. His name was exploited threadbare.

Had he been of the Caucasion race, we believe that a permanent place would have been made for him. His mistake, it seems to us, was in forgetting that in the economic field he would not be given the same "break" as he had received in athletics.

His case should be an example to all Negroes that the spotlight does not play on them nearly as long as it does on other races.

Ellerbe Uses Dr. Carver's Peanut Oil For Rubbing

TUSKEGEE, Ala., July 14—George T. Davis, sports editor of the Evening Herald and Express, Los Angeles, has this interesting comment in his column, "For Sake of Sports:" "Mozel Ellerbe, Tuskegee's great Negro sprinter, is counting upon the peanut oil—discovered by the outstanding Negro scientist, Dr. George Washington Carver—to loosen his leg muscles so that he can beat Clyde Jeffrey, of Stanford, and Wilbur Gree of Michigan State, in the N.C.A.A. sprints Saturday at the coliseum.

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Editors note—And Ellerbe won.

Jesse Owens Admits That He's Broke

CLEVELAND, May 11 — Jesse Owens, whose tremendous leg power ground all track competition into the earth and earned him the title, "the world's fastest human," admitted that his the limbs were not swift enough to carry him across the tape ahead of the credit men here last week, when he filed a voluntary bankruptcy petition in Federal Court, listing liabilities of $8,890 and assets of $2,150.

The debts, principally mortgage notes and taxes, include $400 owed on an automobile, $150 on a washing machine, a $156 hospital bill for his wife and numerous Municipal Court judgments.

Owens' assets were listed as $1,150 worth of household goods and clothing, a $500 equity in a house at 2181 E. 87th street and the $500 legal exemption.

Inside Story On Tuskegee Track Wizard

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Survey Shows Most Fencing Clubs Want End of Racial Discrimination

By NORMAN MILLER
(From Daily Worker)

By an overwhilming majority, most of the New York City fencing clubs have no prejudice against Negroe fencers competing on their strips, and are in favor of the Amateur Fencers League of America, ending its Jim Crow practices.

For the explanation for those unfamiliar with the situation the A. F. of L. A. arranges and conducts all tournaments. This organization is supreme in the field of fencing. It is recognized by the AAU but is completely autonomous. Its power tends to the selection of the US Olympic fencing team.

Despite the fact that the League has no clause in its constituting justifying the barring of Negro fencers, it has refused to accept Negroes into membership, rejecting their application automatically with non-committal run arounds. This leaves all Negro fencers ineligibly for big time competition. No Negro within the memory of the average fencer has ever been seen on the strips of an AFLA tourney, despite the known fact that many Negro fencers rate up with the best in skill.

The usual explanation given for this state of affairs is that the tournaments are run off on the floors of private clubs which do not permit Negroes on their strips. This excuse has now been blasted, as the following shows:

Santelli Against iJm Crow

The renowned Salle Santelli, in the person of its famous master who has coached Olympic teams, answered the two questions as follow:

1—Will you permit Negro fencers on your strips?

"I have had Negro fencers on my strips. WPA competition, with Negroes in them, have been held here."

2—Do you favor the admission of Negroes into the AFLA?

"Of course. Aren't they just as human as anyone else? And the day is not far off when they will be admitted, not only to fencing, but to major league baseball and lawn tennis."

Vince School Agrees

Mr. Vince, of the Vince Fencing School, replied favorably to the two questions. In answer to the second he remarked:

"Negroes have proven their ability in other sports. Now it is their turn in fencing."

.... ..YMCA Club Emphatic .. ..

The Saltus Club of the 23rd St. YMCA said simply they have competed with the Harlem YMCA in the past and intend to do so in the future.

Met. Club Had Negro

The Metropolitan Fencing Club, coached by Joe Smith who works with the Hunter and Brooklyn College girls, emphatically said yes to both questions. Their president, Mr. Budelow, remarked that they have already had a Negro member.

The Foils Club on West 14th St. official affiliate of the Trade Union Fencing League, and holder of the first labor tournament in fencing history, one that included Negro competitors, replied through Mr. Hern, their spokesman:

"We are in this fight up to our necks!"

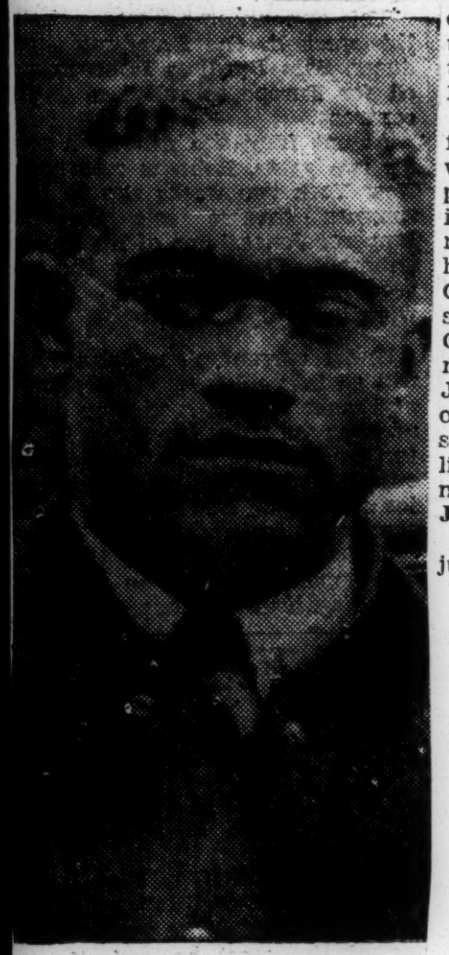
On the Negative Side

Mr. Greco, head of the Greco School of Fencing, was the only one who would not give a clear answer, and even he did not say no. Mr. Greco, anxious to ensure the well being of his school which is run on a purely commercial basis, stated that he was entirely neutral.

The only two sales which answered in the negative were the New York AC and the Fencers Club. It is significant that Mr. Van Buskirk, the president of the Fencers Club, is also president of the AFLA.

In a series of exclusive stories to follow this, the average fencer's opinion will be disclosed, as well as an interview with the AAU and the answer of the AFLA to the above expressions of opinion.

Mozelle Ellerbe Beaten In Feature 100 Meters In National AAU Meet



MOZELLE ELLERBE

LINCOLN, Neb., (ANP)—Two colored stars who loom as probable members of the 1940 U. S. Olympic team were uncovered here last Monday and Tuesday at the 51st annual National AAU track meet. They are Joe Batiste, hurdling high school boy from Tucson, Ariz., and Norwood (Barney) Ewell, Penn State freshman.

At the same time several of the old reliables came through, among them Bill Lacefield of Los Angeles and Lilburn Williams of Xavier, while others fell by the wayside.

ARIZONA SENSATION

Batiste, who came to the meet unknown except for his immediate vicinity, astounded the assemblage in the junior championships Monday by setting a new record of 14.4 seconds in the 110 meter high hurdles and then pushing Marsh Farmer, Texas Tech white boy, to a 14.2 victory in the final. Next day in the senior events Batiste showed even more class by trimming Fred Wolcott of Rice, Allen Tolmich of Wayne, Farmer and other stars to win in 14.1. It is understood the young star plans to enter Ohio State in the fall of 1940.

Ewell is not exactly an unknown, for as a high school student he won several national sprint championships and during the recent indoor season he set a new world record in the 50 yard dash. But he was not expected to defeat Clyde Jeffrey of Stanford who all spring has been pushing Jesse Owens' world record in the 200 meter dash. Yet Ewell whipped Jeffrey by a foot in the fine time of 21 seconds flat. Mack Robinson, second to Jesse Owens at Berlin, failed to survive the preliminaries.

JOE LOUIS WILLIAMS WINS

Bill Lacefield retained his broad jump championship won last year while a student at UCLA by leaping 25 feet 5 1-2 inches, just four inches more than Bill Watson of Michigan, second, and 4 3-8 inches ahead of Ed Gordon, 1932 Olympic champion, who was third. Wilburn Williams tossed the shot 53 feet 7 inches for first, just 7-8 inches better than Watson who was second also in this event.

Long John Woodruff of Pitt, 800 meter champion, withdrew to give Curtis Giddings of New York U. a clean shot at the title and the chance to go to Europe this summer on the American team, but Giddings failed to place. Woodruff did run the 400, but was nosed out by Erwin Miller of Southern California, in 48.3 seconds. Jim Herbert of New York U. was third and Fred Allniece of Prairie View, who Monday, won the junior championship in 48.5 was fourth. Archie Williams, Olympic champion, finished out of the money.

ELLERBE BEATEN

Herbert Thompson of New Jersey, Barney Ewell and Mozelle Ellerbe of Tuskegee were second, third and fourth in the 100 meters behind Jeffery who won in 10.2 with a strong tailwind. Ben Johnson, last year's champion, failed to place.

For the first time in eight years no colored athlete won or tied for the high jump championship. Mel Walker and Dave Albritton, former Ohio State stars, leaped 6 feet 7 to tie for third. John Borican, indoor sensation, failed to place in the 400 meter hurdles.

Giddings, in the junior events, was second in the 800 meters. Batiste tied for second in the high jump at 6 feet 4 and W. A. Arrington of Michigan State was fourth in the broad jump at 23 feet 1 inch.

NEGRO WINS TITLE IN HORSESHOE MEET

Runner-Up Spurns the Second Prize in a Protest Over Scoring System

7-16-39

The most exciting moment in the city-wide finals of the Horseshoe Pitching Tournament, held at the Heckscher Playground in Central Park yesterday afternoon, came when both Arthur Wracks, a Negro, and Robert Ziegler, Brooklyn players competing in the singles, won four consecutive matches. In the end, however, Wracks won the first prize and Ziegler came fourth in the classification.

The winner, who lives at 260-A Tompkins Avenue, received the title of "city champion" with a total ringer percentage of .611. His title was contested by John Frederico, who came in second with .511, but refused to receive the second prize, charging that the awards should not have been assigned on a percentage basis.

Melville Daus, assistant supervisor of recreation in the parks of Manhattan, and T. P. O'Gara, secretary of the Knickerbocker Horseshoe League, rejected his claim. An announcement had been made before the beginning of the match that the percentage basis would be followed. Frederico left the grounds and refused to give his address.

James Cassaro of 410 West Thirty-ninth Street, was third.

Patrick Campbell of 163 West Sixtieth Street and Thomas Lyons of 163 West Thirty-sixth Street won the doubles championship, with Paul de Celie and John Santelle of North Burgner Street, West New Brighton, S. I., second, and William Mundy of the Columbia Hotel, Pearl Street, and John Benish, 146 Gates Avenue, Brooklyn, third.

The prizes were gold, silver and bronze medals. Athletic shirts will be sent later to the champions.

Eliminations for the tournament were held in each of the five boroughs for men and boys over 16 years of age. The youngest player was George Knight of Staten Island who has played often at Willowbrook Park and has received many trophies. Although he is only 15, the committee let him play. He won only one game.

None of the players who took part in the singles were allowed to play in the doubles or vice versa, as the Park Department wanted to give more players a chance to participate.

N B A STRIPS JOHN HENRY LEWIS OF LIGHT HEAVY TITLE

Boxing Board Rejects Examining Physicians' Plea Asking that Lewis Be Allowed to Continue Fighting.

WASHINGTON, June 22—Declaring that they were taking such a drastic step "in the best interest of boxing" and "for his personal welfare," the National Boxing Association abruptly took the hard-earned light-heavyweight championship of the world away from John Henry Lewis.

The association's quick action came as somewhat of a surprise inasmuch as a committee of three physicians of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission—who had been appointed to examine the condition of Lewis' left eye—had recommended that John, although practically blind in that eye, be allowed to continue his career as a fighter.

Shortly after the association had received the report coming from the three examining physicians, a special meeting was held in which the recommendation of the examiners was turned down.

The attitude of the majority of the group was that to permit Lewis to continue his boxing career would be to jeopardize his best personal interests.

Charles Reynolds, president of the association; Edward C. Foster, executive secretary—who was reported to have been in favor of allowing Lewis to continue fighting—and Harvey L. Miller, chairman of the ratings committee were among the officials present at the conference.

INJURED IN COLONELLO BOUT

Lewis is believed to have sustained an injury in his eye during the Colonello fight in Pittsburgh. Despite this fact he went on to win several other important battles and had successfully defended his title against such a formidable contender as Al Gainer. The left eye injury is reported to have been augmented during a sparring session while in training for one of his most recent fights.

MICHIGAN RULING STARTS TROUBLE

John was still winning fights and was all set to clash with Dave Clark in a title bout in Detroit. Upon examination by the Michigan commission physicians, however, Lewis was turned down on the grounds that the vision of his left eye was defective.

This brought the eye defect into the limelight and the Clark fight was called off.

Next John Henry traveled all the way to London for a scheduled bout with Jock McAvoy, but after he had arrived in Britain and another examination was held, the British boxing board also turned him down.

HAD METEORIC CAREER AS A FIGHTER

The N B A ruling will probably mark finis to one of the finest fighting careers in current fistic history. Starting out as a boy when he used to box exhibition bouts with his kid brother, John established a fine reputation as a gentlemanly athlete and a brilliant boxer.

During his career he won victories over such notables of the roped arena as Maxie Rosenbloom, Tiger Jack Fox, Jock McAvoy, Len Harvey, Al Gainer, Bob Olin—from whom he wrested the light heavyweight title—and Jimmy Braddock, former heavyweight champion of the world.